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The ministers and lay delegates composing the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, assembled on Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Sylvanus Stall, pastor.

Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D., President of the Synod, preached the opening sermon on 1 Peter iv, 11.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1881.

8:30 a. m Devotional exercises, led by the President.

9 a. m. The Synod was formally opened by singing and prayer by C. A. Hay, D. D.

The clerical roll was called and the Lay Delegates received.

The following is the list of members, Clerical and Lay, comprising this Convention :

Synodical Roll.

MINISTERS.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	LAY DELEGATES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. W. G. Mennig, *a. e.*	1836	.....	Allentown. [Phila.
2. F. W. Conrad, D. D.	1839	.....	1928 Spring Garden,
3. P. Willard	1841	.....	Loysville.
4. C. A. Hay, D. D.	1843	.....	Gettysburg.
5. F. A. Barnitz	1844	.....	Middletown.
6. N. H. Cornell, *a. e.*	1844	.....	2828 Poplar st., Phila.
7. C. Riemensnyder	1844	.....	Lancaster.
8. W. M. Baum, D. D.	1848	Wm. J. Miller	630 N. Broad st., Phila.
9. G. J. Martz, *a. e.*	1848	.....	Lebanon.
10. L. E. Albert, D. D.	1849	Chas. Maxwell	Germantown.
11. J. M. Deitzler	1849	Jno. H. Black	Annville. [Phila.
12. J. H. Menges	1849	R. I. Hartzel	35th & Spring Garden,
13. P. Raby	1849	.....	Kimberton.
14. H. M. Bickel	1850	.....	2051 Franklin st., Phil.
15. E. S. Henry	1850	Levi Felty	Pine Grove.
16. Geo. Roths	1851	Even Speigel	Sciota.
17. M. Sheeleigh	1852	J. H. Keisel	Ft. Washington.
18. S. Yingling	1852	.....	Columbia.
19. J. V. Eckert	1854	S. L. Fehl	Lancaster.
20. W. S. Porr	1854	.....	Steelton.
21. J. Swartz, D. D.	1855	.....	Wernersville.
22. J. J. Weber	1856	.....	Ashland.
23. E. Huber	1858	Henry S. Boner	1601 N. 17th st., Phila.
24. J. R. Dimm	1859	Aaron King	Kimberton.
25. S. A. Holman	1859	.....	528 N. 38th st., Phila.
26. S. Dasher	1860	W. F. Howard	Harrisburg.
27. C. L. Ehrenfeld, Ph. D.	1860	.....	Harrisburg.
28. G. P. Weaver, *a.*	1861	.....	Hanover.
29, P. S. Hooper	1862	A. Schmeel	Stone Church.
30. M. Fernsler	1863	Hiram Kline	Clay.
31. J. Peter	1865	N. W. Long	Manheim.
32. F. T. Hoover	1865	Wm. Shipman	Phillipsburg, N. J.
33. W. H. Steck, *a. e.*	1865	S. F. Stadelman	Ardmore.
34. N. M. Price, *a. e.*	1866	.....	Philadelphia.
35. T. C. Prichard	1866	J. C. Cassel	Barren Hill.
36. T. C. Billheimer	1867	.....	Reading.
37. O. F. Waage	1868	.....	Pennsburg.
38. H. S. Cook	1868	Robt. Rooke	Lionville.

MINISTERS.	ENTERED MINISTRY	LAY DELEGATES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
39. I. P. Neff	1868	.....	Minersville.
40. J. H. Weber	1868	R. B. Billman	Ashland.
41. D. E. Reed	1869	.....	Lyon's Station.
42. L. M. Heilman	1870	E. M. Brown	Harrisburg.
43. J. W. Finkbiner	1871	J. L. Nisley	Middletown.
44. W. P. Evans	1872	F. A. Bennett	Columbia.
45. A. H. Studebaker	1872	Dan'l Eppley	Harrisburg.
46. W. H. Dunbar	1873	Hon. T. B. Klein	Lebanon.
47. D. T. Koser	1873	Chas. Sherrer	Reigelsville.
48. J. H. Leeser	1874	M. E. Baer	Hummelstown.
49. R. W. Hufford	1874	.....	Easton.
50. S. Stall	1874	S. S. High	Lancaster.
51. B. B. Collins	1874	S. C. Pannepacker	Chalfont.
52. C. E. Hay	1875	Abr. Keck	Allentown.
53. J. A. Singmaster	1875	Henry Boyer	Schuylkill Haven.
54. J. T. Kendall, *a. e.*	1875	.....	Reading.
55. G. W. Fraser	1875	.....	Landisville.
56. Wm. Kelly	1876	.....	Stewartsville, N. J.
57. F. W. Staley	1876	Calvin Shimer	Martin's Creek.
58. J. A. Wirt	1877	Dan'l Miller	Lykens.
59. E. G. Hay	1877	J. H. Helwig	Pottsville.
60. P. C. Croll	1878	C. S. Mohr	Womelsdorf.
61. G. C. Henry	1878	S. P. Auchmuty	Millersburg.
62. W. M. Baum, Jr.	1879	Benj. F. Auld	Phoenixville.
63. A. B. Erhard	1879	.....	Fisherville.
64. M. H. Stine	1879	Henry Fletcher	Bainbridge.
65. W. H. Lewars	1879	O. C. Rohrbach	Macungie.
66. H. B. Wile	1879	.....	Easton.
67. O. H. Melcher	1879	Henry Bitts	Gallows.
68. Emil Meister	1880	Wm. Wissner	Lancaster.
69. W. L. Delp, *o.*	1880	.....	Chalfont.
70. E. H. Delk, Jr., *l.*	1881	.....	Gettysburg.
71. H. M. Oberholtzer, *l.*	1881	.....	Gettysburg.
72. J. Forthman, *a. e.*	....	.....	Carlisle.
73. Dauphin (Vacant)	....	.....	Dauphin.
74. Lutherbaum (Vacant)	....	.....	Philadelphia.
75. Mahanoy City (Vacant)	....	A. K. Smith	Mahanoy City.
76. Union Deposit (Vacant)	....	D. Longenecker	Union Deposit.
77. Port Carbon (Supplied)	....	.....	Port Carbon.

a. e. Absent, excused. *o.* Ordained at this meeting. *l.* Licensed.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN: At the opening of this, our Fortieth Convention as a Synod, it becomes us to record anew our sense of obligation to the Lord our God, by whose almighty power and gracious care we have been hitherto preserved, and through whose unchanging mercy and unfailing grace we have been once more conducted in safety to the place of our assembling.

After this expression of our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, who is Sovereign of all, and to whom we should ever delight to declare our ready obedience and willing submission, we may cordially congratulate ourselves upon the opportunity of enjoying for the third time the generous and unstinted hospitality of this congregation. May we not hope that with God's blessing we may be able, as each one will diligently strive, to render these sessions and services alike interesting and profitable, that thus there may be with all who minister unto us a pleasant remembrance of our sojourn with them? Organized in this city, for the avowed and recognized purpose of facilitating and furthering the development of our Church upon this territory, our return here from time to time gives opportunity for examination of our growth and the need of our continuance. We may point to our clerical register, to our parochial report, and to Church statistics, with devout thankfulness for what the Lord has wrought. To His name be praise, both now and forever. Amen.

Before presenting the statement of events and occurrences within the narrow circle of our own organization, it is fitting and becoming to make allusion to the peculiar circumstances of our national sorrow and affliction, occasioned by the sad and deplorable death of our worthy and beloved President. The whole civilized world looks upon this distressing event with intensest interest, manifesting a sympathy which struggles in vain for utterance. The lessons of this mournful calamity are both loud and clear, and call upon us to embrace the opportunity for their utterance and enforcement. In common with the great mass of American associations, civil and religious, and of Christian citizens and patriots throughout our land, it will be our painful duty and privilege to lay our wreath upon the coffin of *James A. Garfield*, President of the United States of America, by such action and exercises as may be deemed desirable.

The propriety of announcing a postponement of our meeting in consequence of this distracting occurrence was carefully considered, but was found to be impracticable. Even by telegraph we could not have notified all concerned in time, and so many arrangements had already been completed that we found it to be impossible to make a change without seriously disturbing or incommoding a very large number of persons.

The items of our annual report are as follows:

DEATHS.

It is sad, indeed, that we must begin with the recital of death's doings, but thus was it ordered that the year should begin. Even before our adjournment at Allentown, the stroke of the destroyer fell upon the head of the senior member of our Synod, the *Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller*, for many years a resident of this city, in the midst of the work, whilst taking part in our proceedings, and filling his place

upon our committees, he was staggered by the blow, and never recovered. He lingered a few days, reaching his heavenly home almost as soon as the rest of us returned to our earthly homes. He died September 26th, 1880, after a service of more than fifty years in the ministry. A man of decided views and strong convictions, never shrinking from the responsibility of defending the opinions he firmly and conscientiously held, he will be long greatly missed from our deliberations. He deserves, as he will receive, a warm tribute of fraternal remembrance from our body.

A few months later, April 26th, 1881, another well-known and much-esteemed brother, *Rev. John McCron, D. D.*, of Philadelphia, fell asleep in Jesus. His illness was of short duration. He occupied his place in the public services of God's house until within a few days of his death. More than ordinary sympathy was felt for his sorrowing wife, who, with a single grandson, constitute his only survivors. At the time of his death, and since, she has been an intense sufferer from disease, which stubbornly refuses to yield to medical treatment. God's grace alone has kept her from sinking beneath her double sorrow.

A fitting testimonial to the character and labors of these departed fathers and brethren will demand your sorrowing attention.

DISMISSIONS.

Not only by the hand of death, but also by letters of dismission to other ecclesiastical bodies, do we annually witness changes in our membership. The following were granted, upon request, in the usual form :

1. According to instructions given me at our last Convention, Rev. George Rogers, of Philadelphia, was dismissed to the Newcastle Presbytery, Delaware, of the Presbyterian Church. The Secretary of said Presbytery informed me by letter of his reception. His letter was dated September 29, 1880.

2. After a somewhat protracted correspondence with the several parties concerned, I found it necessary to dismiss Rev. D. E. Rupley, of Twin Grove, Green county, Wis., to the Synod of Northern Illinois, in order that the existing synodical relations of the charge he was serving might not be disturbed, and that proper investigation might be instituted in matters which had been submitted to me in writing from that locality. The relations of this distant member to our Synod were fully explained. I have been watchful that nothing should occur that might be prejudicial to the good name of our Synod, or the reputation of our ministry. The correspondence in this case, as far as in my possession, is herewith submitted. This transfer of membership occurred by letter of February 1, 1881.

3. Rev. G. D. Gross, licensed at our meeting at Allentown, received a call to serve a charge connected with the West Pennsylvania Synod, and was dismissed to that body by letters December 7, 1880.

4. Rev. S. Henry received dismissal to Central Synod of Pennsylvania, February 8, 1881. He has taken charge of the church at Mifflinburg.

5. Rev. H. L. Dox withdrew to the Franckean Synod, within whose territory he is now laboring. His letter was dated April 18, 1881.

6. April 21, 1881, Rev, H. R. Fleck took his letter of transfer to West Pennsylvania Synod, having accepted a call to New Kingston, Pa.

7. Rev. John Croll having received and accepted a call to occupy the pulpit of the Lutheran Church at Staunton, Va,, was dismissed to the Synod of Virginia by letter of June 2, 1881.

8. Rev. E. S. Brownmiller went to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, his present charge at Ephrata being in that connection. His letter was dated June 6, 1881.

9 Rev. J. W. Lake, removing to Ramsey's, New Jersey, was transferred to the Synod of New York and New Jersey, June 16, 1881.

10. Rev. O. C. Roth, licentiate of this Synod, was dismissed to Synod of West Pennsylvania, within whose jurisdiction he is now laboring. His letter was granted August 31, 1881.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Letters in due form have been placed in my hands, and are herewith submitted for examination, addressed to our Synod:

1. November 18, 1880, from Rev. D. L. Ryder, President of Alleghany Synod, transferring Rev. E. G. Hay to our Synod.

2. February 17, 1881, from Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, President of Wittenberg Synod, Ohio, transferring Rev. A. H. Studebaker to our Synod.

3. March 15, 1881, Rev. F. T. Hoover sent me his letter of dismissal from the Pittsburgh Synod.

4. June 27, 1881, Rev. P. S. Hooper forwarded his letter of dismissal from the Susquehanna Synod.

5. July 1, 1881, Rev. W. P. Evans applied for admission by letter from Synod of New York and New Jersey.

6. September 1, 1881, Rev. G. W. Fraser sent me a letter from Dr. Rhodes, of St. Louis, then President of Synod of Central Illinois, dated April 11, 1878, dismissing him to the Olive Branch Synod, of Indiana. In consequence of continued illness of himself and his wife, and several necessary changes of residence, this letter remained in the hands of Bro. Fraser until this time. As he is now living within our bounds, he asks to be placed upon the roll of our Synod, by which he was aided in his preparation for the ministry.

INSTALLATIONS.

The list of installations by committees duly appointed is as follows:

1. Rev. Emil Meister, in St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., October 3, 1880.

2. Rev. H. B. Wile, in St. Peter's, Easton, Pa., October 24, 1880.

3. Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr., in Central Lutheran church, Phoenixville, Pa., November 7. 1880.

4. Rev. E. G. Hay, Pottsville, November 28, 1880.

5. Rev. S. Stall, in St. John's, Lancaster, March 6, 1881.

6. Rev. A. H. Studebaker, in Zion's, Harrisburg, February 27, 1881.

7. Rev. F. W. Staley, Martin's Creek, Pa., May 29, 1881.

8. Rev. F. T. Hoover, St. James, Warren county, New Jersey, July 10, 1881.

9. Rev. W. P. Evans, Columbia, Pa., July 17, 1881.

10. Rev. P. S. Hooper, St. Paul's, Northampton county, Pa., July 24, 1881.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS.

The only dedications of churches reported to me are the following:

1. St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., March 13, 1881.

2. Evangelical Lutheran church, Neffsville, Lancaster county, June 26, 1881.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

The pastoral changes which have occurred since our last Convention are as follows:

1. Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr., took charge of the Central Lutheran church of Phoenixville, October 1, 1880.

2. Rev. R. W. Hufford, of St. John's, Lancaster, removed to St. Paul's, Easton, December 1, 1880.

3. Rev. S. Stall, of Martin's Creek, took charge of St. John's, Lancaster, early in December, 1880.

4. Rev. J. V. Eckert extended his pastoral charge by the addition of Bethany church, Millersville, Lancaster county, February 21, 1881.

5. Rev. W. S. Porr removed to Steelton early in the year, but neither the fact nor the time was reported to me.

6. Rev. W. H. Lewars entered upon his labors in Lyons charge, Berks county, April 10, 1881.

7. Rev. F. W. Staley removed from Columbia to Martin's Creek, early in May, 1881.

8. Rev. B. B. Collins wrote me on the 8th of July, 1881, that he had resigned the charge at Chalfont, to take effect October 1, 1881, and that his resignation had been accepted.

9. Under the date of August 2, 1881, Rev. S. Yingling notified me that he had resigned the charge of Shoop's and Churchville congregations, and that on the 1st of September he intended to remove to Columbia to serve "the newly organized St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation," and that application would be made at this time for their reception into regular connection with our Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. During the latter part of January and the beginning of February, I received several letters from Rev. F. W. Staley, then pastor of the church in Columbia, informing me of the existence of disturbing circumstances in his congregation. To these, in each case, immediate reply was given.

Under date of February 10, 1881, I received a communication numerously signed by members of the congregation, requesting my presence and advice, as President of Synod, for the adjustment of the difficulties which had arisen.

I at once wrote to Bro. Staley, requesting him to convene his church council on the 15th, and to give full invitation to all concerned or interested to be present, announcing my intention to be in attendance.

This meeting was held. Bro. Staley, his church council, and a goodly number of the male members, were present. We continued in earnest and well-ordered session for several hours. After a full and untrammeled expression of views and feelings, it was unanimously resolved to commit the adjust-

ment of all their congregational embarrassments to the discretion and direction of the President of Synod. With the utmost care and conscientiousness I inaugurated such a disposition of the matter as in my judgment would best promote the interests of the congregation, and restore the comfort and usefulness of their pastor. Bro. Staley was kept informed of everything that was contemplated or attempted, and in every particular we were of one mind and judgment. As soon, however, as the conclusions to which we had been conducted became known, I received a letter, very much to my surprise, from a member of the congregation, stating that he and a number of others proposed to withdraw from the church, and asking me how they should proceed in the organization of a separate and distinct congregation. Against the consummation of such a purpose I plead very earnestly, as in my judgment there was not sufficient cause for a division, nor was there a demand for a new church. Where one had found it difficult to exist, it seemed impossible that two could prosper. The sad history of similar fractions of congregations in our own Synod and in other Synods and churches, made me deeply solicitous to preserve this congregation in its entirety.

To my entreaty, however, not to force a division of the congregation, a very positive negative reply was given, based entirely upon the inharmonious character of the membership.

As my advice already given was not accepted, and as I could see no reason whatever for changing it, my only hope was that time and reflection would bring about a different result. In this, however, my expectation was not realized. Those engaged in the movement pushed for an immediate organization, which they obtained by calling in the services of a member of the Synod of West Pennsylvania. Since then they have proceeded as an organized congregation to establish a Sabbath-school, to hold regular Sabbath and weekly services, to choose and call a pastor, the Rev. S. Yingling, of our Synod, and through his official letter they announce their purpose to make application for reception into our body.

Quite a number of letters from individuals concerned in this movement, varying very much in tone and spirit, were addressed to me; to all of which I gave careful consideration and respectful reply. With this simple recital of the history of this case, and without a single suggestion, it is left for your disposal.

A further statement, however, is necessary in regard to the participation of the Rev. S. E. Herring, of the West Pennsylvania Synod. This was regarded by me as irregular and disorderly, and in violation of the clearest principle of synodical rights and courtesies. I, therefore, promptly reported it to the Rev. A. S. Hartman, the President of said Synod, and asked such action as might preserve us from future complications. I also informed Bro. Herring of what I had done, not in my individual, but in an official capacity. The action of the West Pennsylvania Synod at their recent meeting in Hanover was perfectly satisfactory, calculated to maintain unbroken the friendly relations hitherto existing between us, and to suppress any tendency to a disregard of synodical proprieties. We will, no doubt, receive official notice of their action during our present session.

2. Under date of January 14, 1881, Rev. W. Dieffenbach, a licentiate of the Central Synod, wrote me from Harrisburg, asking my sanction of his proposal to supply at their request the Dauphin congregation, formerly served by our deceased Bro. D. P. Rosenmiller. I referred him to the President of the Harrisburg Conference, promising to endorse any arrangement that might thus be made. received no further communication from him.

3. A request was made of me by Mr. M. L. Deitzler, a beneficiary of our Synod, to permit him to apply to the Susquehanna Synod for ordination, as he desired to accept a call to the Adamsburg charge as soon as the summer session at Selinsgrove should close. Upon examination, I found that our Synod required all its beneficiaries to apply to it for licensure, and suggested the continuance of the arrangement through Dr. Ziegler, his preceptor, by which he had hitherto supplied said charge. Dr. Born, of the same institution, wrote me to the same effect, requesting me to make an exception in this case, and sanction the request. I did not feel at liberty to make any other reply than that I had been chosen to enforce the rules and sustain the action of Synod, and not to break the one or disregard the other. I have since learned personally from Dr. Born that Mr. Deitzler appeared at the meeting of the Susquehanna Synod, and was ordained by it.

4. Mr. Charles Bensinger, Secretary of the church council of St. John's Lutheran Church of Mahanoy City, Schuykill county, wrote me July 4, 1881, informing me that they had called a meeting of their congregation, at which by resolution they asked my presence and counsel in the adjustment of certain matters of difficulty which had arisen among them. In compliance therewith, said meeting was held on the evening of the 13th of July, and after hearing all that was presented, such information and advice were given as were deemed pertinent. There is reason to hope that the congregation will speedily readjust itself, and emerge from its somewhat troublesome agitation without sustaining permanent injury. They stand much in need of the immediate services of a faithful and judicious pastor.

4. Special mention should be made of the history of the congregation known as Lutherbaum, in Philadelphia. After the unexpected death of their esteemed pastor, Rev. Dr. McCron, in April last, their condition and necessities were taken into special consideration by the Philadelphia Conference, and their immediate wants met by help from some of the other churches of our Synod in Philadelphia. After protracted examination of all the circumstances of the case, the conclusion has been reached by general agreement that it would not be politic nor judicious, even if possible, to continue the organization in its past surroundings. A change of name, location, and management, has become imperative and inevitable. What the future may bring forth as the outcome of this strange movement, cannot be conjectured. The lessons it teaches are a partial compensation for the labor and means it has absorbed. Further particulars will appear in the proceedings of the Philadelphia Conference. On the eve of starting for our present meeting, I received an important communication from prominent members of the congregation, which will require the immediate and serious consideration of the Ministerium, to which it will be referred.

ELECTION.

An election for three ministerial and one lay member of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg becomes necessary, in consequence of the expiration of the term of service of Rev. M. Sheeleigh and Mr. Theodore B. Klein, and the removal of Revs. H. R. Fleck and S. Henry.

SUGGESTIONS.

An observance of the practical workings of our accepted church polity and usages, cannot fail from time to time to suggest points for adjustment, if not amendment. As at present constituted and administered, is there not too much latitude of individual movement and personal irresponsibility? Would it not be well for pastors, for congregations, and for the Church, if the obligations to Synod were more frequently emphasized and more vigorously exacted? Is it well for every man to be his own judge as to the fitness of synodical enactments?

The length of time intervening between our annual meetings, and the consequent increase of pressing business, the occurrence of circumstances which admit of little or no delay, the desirableness of official action or review, and the benefit of fraternal interchange of opinion, all indicate the place and value of our system of conference meetings in the course of the year. Attention is called to the fact that much good might be achieved by extending the rights and privileges of these bodies, clothing them with responsibilities hitherto withheld. If attendance of ministers and laymen was made as necessary as at our meetings of Synod, there would be less opportunity for the occurrence of disturbing irregularities, and a closer bond of union and sympathy between the brethren supplying adjoining congregations, and a better acquaintance and closer association between the laity of our churches. In a word, the system needs to be judiciously amplified and firmly enforced.

Invoking the presence and blessing of God on all our deliberations, I herewith hand back to you the office with which you have so kindly twice honored me. Respectfully submitted, W. M. BAUM.

Lancaster, Pa., September 22, 1881.

New Members.

The following brethren were received by unanimous vote of Synod: Revs. E. G. Hay, A. H. Studebaker, F. T. Hoover, P. S. Hooper, W. P. Evans and G. W. Fraser.

Election of Officers.

Tellers—Revs. M. Sheeleigh, E. S. Henry, and Mr. S. F. Stadelman.

The following officers were elected for the current year:

President—Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. J. A. Singmaster.

Treasurer—Rev. E. Huber.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

Papers for Synodical action were handed in.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. W. Hufford.

Minutes were read and approved.

Roll called.

The President announced the following

Special Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. Dr. L. E. Albert and L. M. Heilman, and Hon. Theo. B. Klein.

2. *Minutes of 1880*—Revs. J. W. Finkbiner and J. M. Deitzler, and Mr. Robt. Rooke.

3. *Religious Services*—Revs. S. Stall and E. Meister, and Mr S. S. High.

4. *Minutes of Easton Conference*—Revs. J. H. Leeser and P. C. Croll, and Mr. R. I. Hartzel.

5. *Minutes of Philadelphia Conference*—Revs. Wm. Kelly and J. H. Weber, and Mr. Saml. Fehl.

6. *Minutes of Lebanon Conference*—Revs. D. T. Koser and B. B. Collins, and Mr. J. H. Keisel.

7. *Minutes of Harrisburg Conference*—Revs. E. S. Henry and H. S. Cook, and Mr. W. Shipman.

8. *Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. P. Raby and M. Fernsler, and Mr. J. C. Cassel.

9. *State of the Church*—Revs. S. A. Holman and S. Dasher, and Mr. W. J. Miller.

10. *Excuses for Absence*—Revs. R. W. Hufford and G. C. Henry, and Mr. A. K. Smith.

11. *Papers of Mr D. A. Shetler*—Revs. Dr. C. A. Hay, Dr. Joel Swartz, and O. F. Waage.

12. *Paper of Licentiate W. S. Delp*—Revs. E. Huber, C. Reimensnyder and S. Yingling.

13. *Application of the Springfield Church*—Revs. Dr. F. W. Conrad and E. S. Henry, and Mr. O. C. Rohrbach.

14. *Papers of Lutherbaum Church, Philadelphia*—Revs. W. H. Dunbar, W. S. Porr, and J. Peter.

15. *Letter of J. Forthman*—Revs. M. Sheeleigh and G. C. Henry, and Mr. H. Boyer.

16. *Auditing Committee on Accounts of Secretary and Treasurer*—Messrs. Auchmuty, Nisely, and Maxwell.

17. *Catalogue of Pennsylvania College*—Revs. W. H. Dunbar and H. B. Wile, and F. A. Bennett.

18. *Auditing Committee on Report of Education Committee*—Messrs W. Shipman, A. K. Smith, and H. Bitts.

19. *Catalogue of Hagerstown Seminary*—Revs. H. S. Cook and E. G. Hay, and Mr. C. Sherrer.

Visiting Ministers.

The following brethren were introduced to the Synod during the present convention: Revs. A. D. Rowe, H. L. Baugher, D. D., J. A. Brown, D. D., L.L. D., J. W. Goodlin, L. E. Gotwald, D. D., C. S. Albert, J. A. Hackenberg, M. W. Hamma, D. D., M. Valentine, D. D., E. Greenwald, D. D., E. S. Brownmiller, W. O. Cornman, D. L. Ryder, M. L. Young, W. R. Wieand, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. Messrs Frayne and Soule, of the Baptist; Rev. Messrs. Robinson and Collin, of the Methodist Episcopal; Rev. J. C. Hume, of the Presbyterian; Rev. Peters, of the Reformed; and Rev. G. W. Seilhammer, of the Church of God.

Applicants for Licensure.

The following persons were admitted to examination for licensure: Messrs. E. H. Delk, Jr., H. M. Oberholtzer, and D. A. Shetler.

The President appointed Rev. E. Huber to fill the vacancy on the Examining Committee occasioned by the death of Rev. Rosenmiller.

Adjourned to meet at 7:15 as a Farewell Missionary Meeting.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Conrad.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9 A. M.

The preceding half hour having been spent in devotional exercises led by the President, Synod was opened with prayer by Dr. Hamma.

Minutes were read and approved.

Roll called.

Secretary's Financial Report.

J. A. SINGMASTER, *Secretary, in Account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, from September* 17, 1880, *to September* 19, 1881 :

Dr.	To cash received	$8219 60
Cr.	By cash paid Dr. Albert, Treasurer	8219 60

Treasurer's Report.

L. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer, in Account with Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania from September*, 1880, *to September*, 1881 :

1. *Synodical Treasury.*

Dr.	Balance from last year	$62 84	
	Received from Rev. J. A. Singmaster	280 75	
			$343 59
Cr.	Disbursed		308 75
	Balance		$34 84

2. *Educational Fund.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$1868 72
Cr.	Disbursed	1574 65
	Balance	$294 07

3. *Home Missions.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$1616 88	
Dr.	For Chalfant Mission	255 25	
			$1872 13
Cr.	Disbursed		1872 13

4. *Foreign Missions.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$1963 72
Cr.	Disbursed	$1963 72

5. *Pastors' Fund.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$65 27
Cr.	Disbursed	$65 27

6. *Orphans' Home.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$585 80
Cr.	Disbursed	$585 80

7. *Publication Society.*

Dr.	Received from the Secretary	$11 00
Cr.	Disbursed	$11 00

8. *Church Extension.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary, including $178.71 for Salina and $87.63 for Brooklyn	$1006 77
Cr.	Disbursed	$1005 77
	Balance	$1 00

9. *Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary	$184 00
Cr.	Disbursed	$130 00
	Balance	$54 00

10. *Children's Missionary Society.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary	$214 56
Cr.	Disbursed	$214 56

11. *General Synod.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary	$131 88
Cr.	Disbursed	$124 88
	Balance	$7 00

12. *Three Rivers.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary	$25 00
Cr.	Disbursed	$25 00

13. *Theological Seminary.*

Dr.	Received from Secretary	$10 00

Whole amount received from Secretary	$8219 60
Balance from Synodical Fund	62 84
Total	$8282 44
Whole amount disbursed	7881 53
Balance	$400 91

Respectfully submitted, L. E. ALBERT, *Treasurer.*

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were referred to an Auditing Committee.

The Order of Business was suspended to allow Rev. Sylvanus Stall to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That when we adjourn at the closing session of this Convention, we adjourn to meet in our Forty-first Annual Convention at Atlantic City on Tuesday evening, September 5th, 1882.

Resolved, That the forenoons and evenings of each day, unless otherwise ordered, shall be devoted to the business of Synod, and that the afternoons be left vacant for recreation and rest.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for a place for holding the Convention, and for favorable terms of entertainment, and that in due time this committee shall communicate such information to each member of the Synod.

Resolved, That each congregation be requested to bear the expenses of their own pastor and delegate.

The resolutions were laid on the table for future consideration.

Report of Committee No. 13.—Application of the Springfield Church.

Your committee beg leave to report that the papers placed into their hands consist, first, of an account of an election held on Tuesday, June 21st, at the church of the Lutheran congregation in Springfield township, Bucks county, Pa., and known as the Springfield Congregation of the Kintnersville Charge, for the purpose of deciding the question whether the congregation would dissolve its connection with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and form a connection with the Synod of East Pennsylania, from which the following facts are elicited :

1. That a public announcement was made of the time, place and object of said election by the pastor, Rev. O. H. Melcher, from the pulpit, two weeks before, and that he subsequently repeated the announcement in the same manner; that at said election 43 of the qualified voters of the said Springfield congregation voted in favor of withdrawing from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and of uniting with the Synod of East Pennsylvania, and 2 against it ; and that the facts just stated are duly certified by the officers of the meeting, and corroborated by the pastor and delegate of the congregation. And, second, a paper containing a formal application for admission into this Synod, and the assurance that Mr. Henry Bitts was duly chosen to represent the congregation at this meeting of the Synod, in case its application be favorably received.

Your committee, after due consideration, have come to the following conclusions :

1. That the Springfield congregation had the inherent right to determine its synodical relations for adequate reasons.

2. That it has exercised that right in a regular manner, according to constitutional provisions and customs in the Lutheran Church.

3. That the courts of Pennsylvania have sustained Lutheran congregations, which have in a legal manner changed their ecclesiastical relations by leaving one Lutheran Synod and uniting with another.

4. That the application and procedure of the Springfield congregation are analagous to those of the Nockamixon, Durham, and Springtown congregations, with which it is associated as an integral part of the same charge, and which were admitted into this Synod a year ago, and that its claims for admission are identical with those presented by its associated congregations.

Your committee accordingly propose the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Springfield congregation be received into this Synod, and its delegate, Mr. Henry Bitts, be admitted to a seat among the lay delegates.

2. *Resolved*, That in taking this action, the Synod re-affirms the position taken a year ago, in the reception of the Nockamixon, Durham, and Springtown congregations, set forth on pages 14 and 15 of the Minutes of 1880.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Springfield congregation to adopt the constitution recommended to congregations by the General Synod, and secure an act of incorporation from the court, under a charter embodying the confessional basis and ecclesiastical principles contained therein, and that the same recommendations be given to any of the other congregations of the Kintnersville charge which are not incorporated under Lutheran constitutions and charters.

Respectfully submitted, F. W. CONRAD,
E. S. HENRY,
O. C. ROHRBACH.

Beneficiary Education.

Dr. C. A. Hay, Chairman of the Education Committee, presented the following report:

Seven young men were aided by Synod during the year—Messrs. Taylor, Kahler and Zerger, in Pennsylvania College; Messrs. Delp and Hocker, in the Theological Seminary; and Messrs. Zimmerman and Deitzler, at Selinsgrove. Two of these have completed their course of study—Messrs. Delp and Deitzler—and one of them, Mr. Hocker, lost one term of study in the Seminary through sickness.

The Committee recommend that the usual appropriations be granted to Messrs. Hocker, Taylor, and Zerger, and that $100 be granted to Mr. Zimmerman; also, that Mr. Kahler be continued regularly on the funds of the Synod, provided he be pronounced able by his physician to pursue his studies in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Should he refuse to do this, the Committee recommend that he be required to refund the amounts already advanced to him.

We recommend further, that Messrs. Philips and Hageman be received upon the funds of the Synod, the latter provided he fails to receive aid from the Hartwick Synod, within whose bounds he resides.

It is probable that at least one additional application will be made during the present session of Synod, by Mr. D. A. Shetler. We recommend that he be received upon the funds of the Synod, provided he follow the advice of the Ministerium.

The Committee received during the year:

From Dr. Albert, Treasurer		$1,075 00
From Rev. O. H. Melcher, for the use of Mr. Becker		175 00
		$1,250 00
The Committee expended, by order of Synod	$1,050 00	
And have on hand, refunded by Mr. Deitzler	150 00	
And retained, as Mr. Hocker lost the last term through sickness	50 00	
		$1,250 00

Respectfully submitted, C. A. HAY.

Considered item by item.

The case of Mr. Kahler was referred to the Committee, with power to act.

The other recommendations were adopted.

The financial report was referred to Auditing Committee, No. 18.

Report of Committee No. 5.—Minutes of Philadelphia Conference.

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of the Philadelphia Conference, would respectfully report that we find nothing of special interest to claim the attention of this body, except the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of East Pennsylvania be requested to consider the propriety of placing the names of Conferences in alphabetical order, with the names of their respective presidents attached, in the printed Minutes of Synod, and that instead of referring the minutes of each Conference to a committee, that each President of Conference be required hereafter to make an annual report to the Synod, embodying the places and times of meeting, the subjects discussed, and a brief abstract of the business done.

In the judgment of your Committee (suggesting, however, that the Secretary instead of the President would be the proper person to furnish the report), the above recommendation would be productive of benefit to the different Conferences, and to Synod as a whole. Therefore, we recommend that this resolution, with the above suggestion, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. KELLY,
J. H. WEBER,
S. L. FEHL.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted, and the report as a whole approved.

Report of Committee No. 8.—Minutes of Sister Synods.

The documents placed in the hands of this committee, are the minutes of the following sister Synods; West Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, New York and New Jersey, Wittenberg, and Northern Illinois. Your committee find nothing in these minutes claiming special action by this Synod. These several minutes evince an earnest zeal and highly commendable Christian activity in furthering the kingdom and reign of Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

P. RABY,
M. FERNSLER,
J. C. CASSEL.

Approved.

Report of Committee No. 6.—Minutes of the Lebanon Conference.

The papers committed to our hands are the Minutes of the Lebanon Conference. This body held three meetings during the year, and manifests commendable zeal and thoroughness in its work. The only item claiming any action of Synod is the following, found on page 545:

WHEREAS, The duty of making provision for aged and needy ministers who

have faithfully served the Church, has been sadly neglected by our churches; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully suggests to Synod the propriety of opening a column in the apportionment by which a *pro rata* provision be made for the Pastors' Fund.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that such action be taken by Synod.

D. T. KOSER,
B. B. COLLINS,
J. H. KEISEL.

Adopted.

It was ordered that the proper committee apportion $600 in the regular way for the Pastors' Fund.

Report of Committee No. 4.—On Minutes of Easton Conference.

To Committee No. 4 were given, for examination, the Minutes of the Easton Conference. They find that the brethren of said Conference are actively engaged in the Master's work, having held two regular meetings during the year. They find two things that claim the attention of this Synod:

One is the disposal of a letter of appeal of Mr. Kuntz, of Mauch Chunk, asking that Synod take steps to establish an English Lutheran church at that place, which letter had been referred to this Conference for consideration. The Conference appointed a committee to examine the field, who, after thorough investigation, deemed it injudicious to recommend an organization at this place at present, although not entirely abandoning the project, leaving all signs of promise to the watchful care of the author of said appeal, in whose hands our church interests are for the present deemed sufficiently secure.

Another point of interest to Synod is the proper adjustment of a difficulty existing at the time of our last meeting of Synod, between a portion of the Lyons charge and their pastor. Conference met upon the ground, examined the matter of dispute, and succeeded in arranging the difficulty satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LEESER,
P. C. CROLL,
R. I. HARTZELL.

Approved.

Report of Temperance Committee.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is the chief cause of the majority of all crimes committed in our land, fills our prisons and almshouses with its subjects of degraded humanity, and is the direct cause of the loss of millions of treasure and of lives; therefore

Resolved, 1. That the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, under any circumstances, is a sin against the laws of God and the rights of man, and calls upon every good man to use his influence for the suppression of this mighty evil.

Resolved, 2. That no Legislature has the right to legalize anything that will

imperil the most cherished interests of society, as the liquor traffic certainly does; but that it is the duty of legislators to enact stringent laws, prohibiting such traffic.

Resolved, 3. That all who sign petitions for license are partners in the crime of the rumseller, and will share in the final punishment of the vender of strong drink.

Resolved, 4 That every pastor and Sunday-school teacher, by preaching and teaching, should implant wholesome temperance principles in the minds and hearts of all classes of society brought under their influence.

Resolved, 5. That it is the duty of all friends of humanity to stand up manfully for the exposure and punishment of all those who violate the laws of God and man in helping to spread the fearful curse of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted, E. S. HENRY,
J. H. LEESER.

Adopted.

Dr. Joel Swartz offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, no member of our churches shall be considered a worthy communicant if he sign an application for a liquor license.

Adopted.

It was ordered that the pastors read the foregoing action on Temperance to their congregations as soon as the printed Minutes appear.

Dr. Hay moved that in view of the fact that a Foreign Missionary meeting of special interest has already been held during the present session, the address on that subject, appointed for Monday evening, be dispensed with.

So ordered.

Dr. Albert moved that the afternoon session be held, beginning at 3 o'clock, and that the first order of the day be the hearing of Dr. Hamma, of Brooklyn.

So ordered.

Adjourned at 11.30 a. m.

Prayer by Dr. Swartz.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23, 3 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Dr. L. E. Albert.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Hamma presented the financial needs of the Brooklyn Mission, and appealed to the Synod for help.

On motion, it was resolved that the first $500 contributed for Church Extension be, and are hereby directed to be paid to the Brooklyn Mission.

The pastors were requested to see that their collections for Church Extension be made before December 1st, 1881.

Report of Committee No. 3.—Religious Services.

(See "Sermons and Addresses.")

Approved.

Members who would be compelled to absent themselves from the Synodical Communion, in compliance with the above report, were excused in advance.

Report of Committee No. 1.—President's Report.

The paper intrusted to your committee is the President's Report. This report clearly indicates that your presiding officer has been watchful of the interests of the Synod, and has efficiently dischargeed the various duties demanding his attention. Among the various items suggested by the report, and which will claim your earnest consideration, are the following:

1. The President refers in fitting terms to the great national sorrow which is at present overshadowing our entire country, and suggests that some suitable action be taken by us as a Synod, as expressive of our own feelings in view of this sad event. Your Committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Memorial Service be held on the day appointed for humiliation and prayer, and that a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to make the necessary arrangements for this service, and at the same time prepare such resolutions to be read on that occasion as shall express the sentiments of this Synod, in regard to the lamented death of James A. Garfield, late President of the United States.

2. Your presiding officer also reminds us that since our last Convention, two of our beloved brethren, Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller and Rev. John McCron, D. D., who had served the church so long and so well, have ended their earthly labors and gone to their eternal reward. Your committee would propose the following action:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a sketch of the lives of these brethren, accompanied by such resolutions as in the judgment of this committee are demanded by this sad bereavement.

3. The President calls the attention of the Synod to his action in regard to the dismissal of the Rev. D. E. Rupley, of Twin Grove, Green co., Mo., to the Synod of Northern Illinois. As an official endorsement of his action would be satisfactory to your presiding officer, your committee would recommend that the entire matter be referred to the Ministerium for such endorsement.

4. The next item, which occupies a large space in the report of the Presi-

dent, is the condition of the church at Columbia, Pa., which has become divided since our last meeting. As there is an application upon the part of the new organization for admissionin to this body as a separate congregation, under the title of St. John's English Lutheran Church of Columbia, Pa., this entire matter will demand the most careful and judicious action upon the part of the Synod. It is, however, to be regretted that the original agreement to commend the adjustment of all their congregational embarrassments to the discretion and direction of the President of Synod was not religiously adhered to. Had this been done, the breach might have been healed, differences settled, amicable feelings restored, the cause of Christ better promoted, and synodical order maintained. In order that this matter may be properly adjusted, and the Synod be enabled to do its duty to all parties concerned, your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to investigate this entire subject, and report the result of its investigations at a future session of this meeting of Synod.

5. Attention is called by the President in his report to the action of Mr. M. L. Deitzler, a beneficiary of our Synod, in applying to the Susquehanna Synod for ordination, and the granting of that application by the aforesaid Synod. It is to be regretted that the requirement of our Synod, voluntarily accepted by Mr. Deitzler when he became the recipient of our funds, was disregarded, and that the Susquehanna Synod had so little regard for synodical courtesy and order. As protests in some directions are unavailing, your committee would simply suggest that this minute be put upon the record, and that we do not permit ourselves, in a spirit of retaliation, to forget what is becoming, manly and Christian, in our synodical conduct.

6. As there are several vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, mention of the fact is made by the President, which vacancies, however, will be filled at a further stage of our proceedings. The President closes his well-digested report by several valuable suggestions. In regard to the suggestion that there is too much latitude of individual movement and personal irresponsibility, and that this should be remedied, your committee would offer the following resolution:

7. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, every member should be an obedient subject thereof, and should conform his actions to all its rules and obligations.

8. In reference to the second suggestion, that Conferences should be clothed with greater powers, and entrusted with responsibilities hitherto withheld, your committee would propose that this matter be referred to the Conferences, in order that they may define what is needed, and report their views to the next session of Synod.

L. E. ALBERT,
THEO. B. KLEIN,
L. M. HEILMAN.

Considered item by item.

First item. Adopted.

The President appointed the following committee: Revs. C. A. Hay, D. D., T. C. Billheimer and J. Swartz, D. D.

Second item. Adopted. Committee: Revs. R. W. Hufford, C. Riemensnyder and M. Sheeleigh.

Third item. Adopted.

Fourth item. Adopted. Committee: Revs. Dr. Albert, L. M. Heilman and Hon. T. B. Klein.

Fifth item. Adopted.

Sixth item. No action needed here.

Seventh item. Adopted.

Eighth item. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee No. 2.—Minutes of 1880.

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of 1880, desire to call attention to the following items.

1. On page 17 we find that a committee was appointed to act with the "International Sabbath Association." Your committee would inquire, what has been done?

2. On page 25 we find that the pastors were requested to direct the attention of their congregations to a resolution of Synod, endorsing a recommendation of the President of Synod, with reference to the frequent disregard of Synodical instructions, and violation of ecclesiastical order among us. How many have complied with this request?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FINKBINER,
J. M. DEITZLER,
ROBT. ROOKE.

Considered item by item.

First item. The chairman of the committee was not present to answer

Second item. All who obeyed the instructions were requested to signify it by rising.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Stroup Legacy.

The Committee having charge of the Stroup Legacy have to report that they have been unable, without distressing them, to collect any of the principal or interest of the debt against the First English Lutheran church of Danville, Pa. That such is the case is evinced by letters in our hands, from the pastor and council. On the mortgage of $6,890 on the Stroup farm, we have collected the entire interest at 6 per cent., and paid it over according to the previous apportionment made by the committee.

DR.

To whole amount of interest received..... $413 40

CR.

By amount paid to the Endowment Fund of the Second Theol. Professorship in the Miss. Institute, Selinsgrove..	$116 30	
By amount paid to Endowment Fund of Penn'a College....	148 55	
By amount paid to Endowment Fund of the Theo. Seminary.	148 55	
By whole amount paid out.....		$413 40

The receipts are herewith accompanying.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. DIMM,
ELI HUBER,
W. H. DUNBAR,
DILLER LUTHER.

Referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Croll and Mr. C. S. Mohr.

Revs. J. R. Dimm and W. H. Dunbar were appointed Trustees of the Stroup Legacy.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Prayer by Dr. Valentine.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9 A. M.

The previous half hour having been spent in devotional exercises led by Bro. Yingling, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Studebaker.

Parochial Reports.

The Parochial Reports were read in full. (See Report of "Committee on State of the Church," also the Parochial Table.)

Adjourned to allow a meeting of the Ministerium at 11:30 a. m.

Prayer by Rev. W. P. Evans.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Menges.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no business under the heading of "Publication," "Theological and Literary Institutions," and "Systematic Beneficence," the reading of Parochial Reports was resumed and finished.

Dr. Hay presented the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Synod has observed with pleasure that in a number of instances the salaries of our pastors are paid monthly in advance; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our churches that all of them pay their pastors' salaries promptly, in monthly instalments.

Committee No. 17.—Catalogue of Pennsylvania College.

The papers placed in the hands of your Committee are a pamphlet on "Pennsylvania College and the Lutheran Church," and a circular presenting a business view of colleges, and of Pennsylvania College in particular. The circular refers to the careful management of the finances of the College. The fact that not a dollar that has ever passed through the hands of the Finance Committee has been lost by bad investment, commends the College to the confidence of our people, and of those who have funds to donate to the cause of education. Rev. M. L. Young, the financial agent, has done good service for the College, and as he is still prosecuting his work among the churches, we commend him to the kindly sympathy of our people.

From reports from Gettysburg, we are pleased to learn of the large increase of students admitted for the college year just begun. The first session begins with 148 students in the two departments—an increase of ten per cent. over last year. We congratulate the College on the steady and healthy growth indicated in its report, and as pastors call the attention of the parents in our churches who have sons to educate, to this tried and fully-equipped institution of the Church.

Your Committee would especially call the attention of the Synod to the festivities of the semi-centennial of the College, to be held at the next commencement. We earnestly urge upon all the sons and friends of the College that special efforts be made to secure a general interest and sympathy with the College and this coming event throughout our territory. It is hoped that there will be a general ingathering of the friends of the College upon that occasion.

Respectfully,

W. H. DUNBAR,
H. B. WILE,
F. A. BENNETT.

Approved.

Rev. M. L. Young, the financial agent of the College, being granted the privilege of the floor, made an earnest plea for the patronage and support of this Synod.

Report of Directors of Theological Seminary.

The annual session of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was held on the 28th of last June. The attendance was not as large as usual,

either upon the part of your own Directors or of those of other Synods. After the transaction of the customary routine business, the Board proceeded to the election of a Professor of Dogmatic Theology, occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Brown. This resignation, owing to the continued infirmity of Dr. Brown, the Board was compelled to accept, however much it regretted the action that had to be taken. Resolutions expressive of the appreciation of the past services of Dr. Brown, and of earnest sympathy with him in his affliction, were unanimously adopted by the Board. With these resolutions the Board were constrained to be satisfied, owing to its inability to offer anything more substantial. The vacancy occasioned by this resignation was filled by the election of the Rev. Charles A. Stork, D. D., of Baltimore. It gives your Directors great pleasure to announce that Dr. Stork has accepted the post to which he has been called, and will enter upon his work during the coming week. Your Directors regret to state that, owing to a diminution of income from the invested funds, the Board was reluctantly obliged to reduce the salaries of the professors. This step was not satisfactory either to the Directors or the professors, but cannot be remedied, unless active measures are adopted to increase the Endowment Fund. This Synod could do no better work than to take the initiative in this matter.

The number of students during the past year was as follows: Senior class, 11; Middle class, 11; Junior class, 15. The Seminary opens with an encouraging addition this year. The next annual Holman Lecture will be delivered by the Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., of Gettysburg, and the next Rice Lecture by Rev. George Scholl, of Baltimore.

Your Directors would remind the Synod that the terms of several of their number having expired, it will be necessary at this session of the Synod to fill the vacancies thus occasioned.

L. E. ALBERT,
W. M. BAUM,
M. SHEELEIGH,
J. W. FINKBINER.

Approved.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

Your delegates to the General Synod would respectfully report that this body held its Thirtieth Convention at Altoona, June 8–14, 1881. There were in attendance eighty-eight clerical and seventy-two lay delegates, besides a large number of visiting clergymen. Great harmony characterized its proceedings, and its business was dispatched with order and promptness. No doctrinal differences agitated the Convention, and its discussions were not marred by any bitterness or unpleasantness. It was a gathering of earnest men, intent on practical work, and seeking by mutual consultation to ascertain the best methods for developing and increasing the piety, benevolence and activity of the church. From the reports which were rendered, it was manifest that the General Synod has made encouraging progress during the last two years in almost every department of church work. There was a marked improvement in the condition of the various Boards. The report of the Foreign Mission Board was not only

well prepared, but was most hopeful and encouraging in its character. The statistical statements indicated a most gratifying progress, and the manifest blessing of God upon our devoted missionaries both in India and Africa. Through the increased liberality of the churches, the receipts amounted to $37,000, being an excess of several thousand dollars over those reported at Wooster two years ago. As the Board purposes to enlarge its operations, it confidently calls upon the various Synods for still larger contributions, which will doubtless be forthcoming.

The report of the Board of Home Missions was also a clear and faithful exhibit of the work in the home field. Some *sixty-five* missions have been sustained at a cost of about $24,000, being *eighteen* more missions than the two, and *twenty-five* more than the four previous years, and *twelve* more than the Board has had on its list since its organization. The receipts have been such that the Board has not only been able to increase the number of missions, but also to pay its indebtedness of twenty-four hundred dollars and still have a surplus in its treasury. As, however, there are many important points throughout our vast domain which ought to be occupied, and as many of our missions need to be relieved from the embarrassments against which they are struggling, it becomes our churches to sustain our Board of Home Missions more vigorously, and by increased contributions and the blessing of heaven, to render its work still more prosperous.

The labors of the Church Extension Board, though not exhibiting such a favorable showing as the other Boards already enumerated, have nevertheless been productive of results which indicate that a good work has been accomplished. When we call to mind the churches which have been assisted so efficiently by this Board, especially in our large cities, it is to be regretted that the funds at their disposal have not been greater, so that other churches might have been established in places that long since should have been occupied by us. As, however, the General Synod, at its last meeting, adopted various resolutions looking to a greater concentration of efforts upon the part of the churches in connection with this Board, so that it might not be hampered in its operations by synods and congregations acting independently of it, it is to be hoped that the Church Extension Board will yet regain the ground that has been lost, and by judiciously-directed efforts accomplish much, not only for our upbuilding as a Church, but for the general extension of the Master's kingdom.

The report of the Publication Society, which, in effect, belongs to the General Synod, deserves more than a passing notice. Its Publication House during the past two years has made remarkable progress. Under its present management it has reached a high stage of efficiency. Its assets, free from all incumbrances, amount to $47,751. Its publication room has been enlarged and rendered more attractive, the circulation of its periodicals has greatly increased, and the remaining mortgage on the business house has been paid. With the Church becoming more and more united in its support, with its growing confidence in its efficiency and usefulness, and with the new channels that are everywhere opening for the extension of its operations, the Publication Society bids fair to enter

upon a more prosperous career in the future, and to become a praise and a power and a blessing in the Church.

Favorable reports were also received from the Orphans' Home, at Loysville, Pa., and the Pastors' Fund Society. The former is doing a good work for the children who are fatherless and motherless, while the latter is extending frequently the most timely relief to ministers worn out in the Master's service, and to the widows of those who, having finished their work on earth, have gone to receive their reward on high. Both these causes deserve our heartiest sympathies and prayers, and especially the practical aid which their needs so constantly require.

The reports from our literary and theological institutions indicated progress and a reasonable degree of prosperity. Measures were adopted, looking to the increase of the supply of German ministers by the establishment of a German Theological Seminary, to be located at Carthage, Illinois. It is to be hoped that this movement will justify the expectations of its advocates, attract to us many of our German brethren, who have regarded us only as an English-speaking body.

The Book Worship with Tunes, which was ordered to be published by the General Synod, has met with great acceptance, and is endorsed by competent judges as a most excellent work. The Liturgy, so long in preparation, has also been adopted by the Synod, and is now before the Church. Whatever may be its merits, it is undoubtedly an advance in the right direction. Whenever a better one can be prepared, which will suit all tastes and all sections of the Church, the General Synod will most gladly publish it.

As an item of information, the Synod may be pleased to learn that one significant feature of the sessions of the General Synod was the reception of a delegate from the Cumberland Presbyterian church, bearing a distinct overture for organic union. A committee was appointed to take this overture into consideration, and report at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Looking, then, upon the proceedings of the last convention of the General Synod as a whole, we see much for which "to thank God, and take courage." The signs of progress are many. While much remains to be done in the way of improvement, yet the General Synod has been moving forward both in doctrine and practice. She needs only to cultivate a greater loyalty to the Church, more unity of spirit and effort, and a higher Christian life, to increase her power and efficiency. As an integral part of the General Synod, let us labor to set an example of faithfulness and earnestness, so that others being stimulated by our conduct, will, with us, make the Church which we represent a praise and a blessing to the world.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER E. ALBERT,
On behalf of the Committee.

Approved.

Report of Committee No. 7.—Minutes of Harrisburg Conference.

Your Committee report that they found that the Harrisburg Conference had two meetings during the year, and have faithfully attended to their work. But

we have found nothing claiming the action of Synod, except a recommendation of the reception into Synod, of the newly organized St. John's congregation at Columbia. But as this whole subject has already been given into the hands of the committee on the President's Report, we do not recommend any action here.

Respectfully submitted, E. S. HENRY,
H. S. COOK,
WM. SHIPMAN.

Approved.

Report of Auditing Committee on Report of Stroup Legacy.

Your committee have examined the accounts, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted, P. CROLL,
C. S. MOHR.

Approved.

Contingent Fund Theological Seminary.

On motion of Dr. Albert, it was ordered that $100 be appropriated from our Synodical Treasury to the Contingent Fund of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Memorial Services.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Garfield Memorial Service recommended that the Synod suspend its ordinary business on Monday morning next, and hold appropriate religious services in this (St. John's) church at half-past ten o'clock.

Approved.

Report of Committee No. 18.—Education Committee's Report.

Your committee would respectfully report that they have audited the accounts of the Education Committee, and find them correct.

WM. SHIPMAN,
A. K. SMITH,
WM. BITTS.

Approved.

Rev. E. Meister, pastor of St. Stephen's German Lutheran church, invited the Synod to meet in his church on Monday evening.

The invitation was accepted.

Adjourned to meet Monday, 2 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. S. Dasher.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

LANCASTER, MONDAY, SEPT. 26, 10:30 A. M.

In obedience to the proclamation of the President of the United States, and of the Governor of Pennsylvania, and in accordance with the action of Synod, a large congregation assembled to do honor to the memory of our martyr Chief Magistrate, and to worship the God of Providence and of grace.

Rev. F. W. Conrad , D. D., preached an eloquent and patriotic memorial discourse, based on 1 Cor. iii. 21–23.

Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote :

The Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for religious services to be held by the Synod, in response to the proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor of this Commonwealth, and to prepare appropriate resolutions expressing the feelings of the Synod in view of the sad calamity that has befallen the nation, respectfully recommend :

That, in hearty accord with the spirit of these proclamations, the Synod suspend its ordinary business on Monday morning next, and that appropriate religious services be held in this church, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

The duty imposed upon the Committee, of preparing resolutions appropriate to this mournful event, has been found to be peculiarly embarrassing, for we are entirely at a loss to find words to express our sense of the national bereavement, our sympathy for the stricken household of our beloved President, or our detestation of the hideous crime that snatched him from us. We venture, however, to present the following statement as a feeble attempt to give utterance to the feelings of the Synod and of the churches it represents.

We gratefully and devoutly recognize that guidance of Divine Providence in national affairs that elevated to the highest position upon earth a man so noble, so pure, so fearlessly consistent in his Christian profession, and so firm in carrying out his conscientious convictions of duty ; and,

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to our Heavenly Father, the Sovereign Ruler among the nations of the earth, to permit the life of our beloved President, James A. Garfield, to be cut short by the hand of a wicked assassin ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in his assassination a martyrdom to fidelity, to principle, and regard it as the legitimate outgrowth of that spirit

of partisan favoritism that prostitutes the prerogatives of high position to the purposes of personal aggrandizement, a spirit utterly at variance with the genius of our republican institutions; and which, unless promptly and effectually rebuked, threatens to degrade the public service into a wretched scramble for spoils, instead of a means of promoting the public welfare.

Resolved, That, although shocked by the malicious audacity of this crime, and suddenly overwhelmed by the seeming danger it threatened to our institutions, we feel it to be our duty reverently to submit to the ordering of Divine Providence, and to trust that our Heavenly Father will ultimately overrule it for his glory and our national welfare.

Resolved, That we already recognize the mercy and wisdom of God in graciously sparing the precious life of our dear President for a season; and, by thus preventing his sudden death, giving both occasion and opportunity for national humiliation, and an expression of universal national sympathy that has melted the hearts of the people of all sections of our country into one; and has thus, it may be, done even more to promote a feeling of national unity than might have been accomplished by a prolongation of his public career.

Resolved, That our deep sense of the value of high moral character and true Christian principle in our public servants, that has been quickened by our appreciation of it as illustrated in the life and public services of our stricken President, should arouse us to the faithful performance of our duty as Christian patriots, to labor earnestly for the elevation to office of men who fear God and work righteousness.

Resolved, That, in common with our fellow-citizens of all sects and parties, and, indeed, with our fellow-men everywhere, whose cordial sympathy has been flowing from all parts of the earth towards the stricken household of our beloved Chief Magistrate, we send to his aged mother, his bereaved widow, and his fatherless children, our sincerest condolence, and the assurance that they shall be remembered in our prayers, that they may be divinely sustained and comforted in this their dark and trying hour.

C. A. HAY, D. D.,
F. W. CONRAD, D. D.,
T. C. BILLHEIMER.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer, by Rev. T. C. Billheimer.

Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was dispensed with.

Tressler Orphans' Home.

Your Trustees would respectfully report that during the past year a kind Providence has given excellent general health to the children. The crops, however, have not been large.

There are now 55 Church orphans, 74 soldier and pay orphans, at the Home. The receipts have been as follows:

From churches and individuals	$1807 00
From Sunday-schools	1736 00
From the State	7851 77
Total	$11,394 77

The debt is cancelled; but the utmost diligence must be exercised to meet the demand that will be made for the support of Church orphans when, within a few years, the State revenue will be greatly reduced and finally cease. To wait until the half of the Church orphans who are now supported by the State are thrown entirely on the charity of the Church, will be fatal to the cause. Interest and support must diligently but gradually increase, and not at a bound. The Home is now in a condition of which the Church may be proud; but she must be alert to duty, and seize upon the opportunity to care for the orphans whose voice appeals to us with divine authority, "Neglect us not."

Special moneys received from Dr. Baum and a "Lady Friend," for Christmas, have been devoted to the purchase of philosophical apparatus, as the most useful and permanent gift for the children. There have been also numerous other donations from the Church and Sunday-schools, consisting of bedding, under-clothing, and Christmas presents, all of which were thankfully and joyfully received by the orphans and the managers.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That we as a Synod continue to feel a deep interest in the Home.

Respectfully submitted, L. M. HEILMAN,
President of Board.

The resolution was adopted, and the report approved as a whole.

The order of business for Monday morning was taken up.

Home Missions.

Dr. Hay was requested by Synod to deliver an address in German on Home Missions, this evening in St. Stephen's Church.

Rev. E. S. Henry, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Home Missions, presented the following report :

Your committee report that during the past year the Board of Home Missions has aided two missions within the bounds of our Synod. These are Phoenixville, Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr., Missionary, and Calvary, Philadelphia. These missions are represented as in a promising condition. There are many points in our Synod that should receive missionary aid. It is hoped the Conferences will give watchful care to this important duty.

The Board of Home Missions, to which our funds for this object go, has under its care at present fifty-three missions. These contain 74 congregations, 5,190 members, and 48 houses of worship.

The funds thus far paid into the Treasury this year for the cause of Home Missions amount to $2,178.28.

During the year, Shenandoah, in Schuylkill county, has been recommended to the Board as a new mission field, and is receiving their attention.

Your committee would also recommend that this Synod request the Board to grant, 1. An appropriation of $300 to Chalfont Mission ; 2. An appropriation of $200 to St. Peter's Mission, Easton ; 3. An appropriation of $100 to Rev. I. P. Neff, for Home Mission work at Tremont.

Repectfully submitted,

E. S. HENRY,
S. DASHER,
P. RABY.

Considered item by item.
First item. Adopted.
Second item. Adopted.
Third item. Not adopted.

Vacant Congregations.

The union of Jubilee Chapel with Shoop's charge was confirmed, the name remaining Shoop's charge.

The congregations of the Dauphin, Union Deposit and Mahanoy City charges, were reported as being without pastors

The case of the Union Deposit charge was referred to the Lebanon Conference with authority to act, and with instructions to advise the charge against division.

Apportionment.

The Committee on Apportionment presented the two following tables, the first showing the contributions of the past year, and the second the assessments of the present :

Returns and Comparisons of the Apportionment and Contributions by the Charges of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania for the Year 1880-81.

Names of Charges.	Amount of Appor'm't.	Am't Paid.	Excess.	Deficiency.	Paid per Member
Allentown	$321 00	$321 00	.....	.....	$0 60
Annville	162 38	115 00	.....	$47 38	28
Ashland (German)	75 97	90 00	$14 03	.....	24
Ashland (English)	77 25	77 25	.....	.....	40
Ardmore	108 00	115 05	7 05	.....	85
Bainbridge	67 50	86 00	18 50	.....	57
Barren Hill	217 02	292 13	75 11	.....	94
Berrysburg	195 00	200 00	5 00	.....	62
Bethany, Millersville.					
Chalfont	24 90	24 90	.....	.....	30
Columbia	82 50	82 50	.....	.....	25
Chambers' Hill.					
Dauphin	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	
Easton	226 99	254 00	27 01	.....	1 12
Easton, College Hill	74 40	37 00	.....	37 40	16
Fisherville	78 49	.....	.....	78 49	
Fogelsville	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	40
Germantown	500 03	503 00	2 97	.....	2 10
Hamilton	19 80	20 00	20	.....	8
Harrisburg, Zion's	1000 00	1181 11	181 11	.....	1 64
Harrisburg, 2d Ev. Lutheran	254 63	281 00	26 37	.....	65
Harrisburg, East	62 10	49 00	.....	13 10	35
Hummelstown	120 00	126 20	6 20	.....	50
Kintnersville	195 83	205 50	9 67	.....	23
Lancaster, St. John's	182 03	90 00	.....	92 03	35
Lancaster, German	180 00	30 00	.....	150 00	5
Lebanon	311 68	335 79	24 11	.....	1 21
Lionville	196 02	317 16	121 14	.....	1 13
Lyons	75 00	54 63	.....	20 37	44
Lykens	93 23	99 23	6 00	.....	40
Mahanoy City	84 00	42 56	.....	41 44	30
Manheim	125 40	118 00	.....	7 40	28
Martin's Creek	133 95	115 00	.....	18 95	74
Middletown	159 60	160 96	1 36	.....	1 15
Minersville	16 02	17 91	1 89	.....	34
Philadelphia, St. Matthew's	500 03	573 35	73 32	.....	1 99
Philadelphia, Messiah	156 12	118 73	.....	37 39	53
Philadelphia Grace,	91 73	60 00	.....	31 73	46
Philadelphia, Calvary	26 00	36 00	10 00	.....	55
Phillipsburg	137 51	100 58	.....	36 93	40
Phoenixville	27 00	60 70	33 70	.....	67
Pikeland	134 40	233 35	98 95	.....	1 38
Pine Grove	256 50	170 00	.....	86 50	30
Pottsville	71 58	83 69	12 11	.....	47
Port Carbon	14 62	15 00	38	.....	24
Reading,	225 00	225 00	.....	.....	1 00
Riegelsville	250 02	217 90	.....	32 12	44
Schaefferstown	199 20	101 74	.....	97 46	20
Schuylkill Haven	137 93	161 00	23 07	.....	84
Steelton	35 03	8 00	.....	27 03	16
Shoop's	90 97	79 25	.....	11 72	61
Stewartsville	96 00	55 00	.....	41 00	34
Stone Church	200 93	107 00	.....	93 93	37
Union Deposit Congregation	147 40	24 05	.....	123 35	8
Whitemarsh	159 90	115 59	.....	44 31	47
Womelsdorf	68 82	84 14	15 32	.....	45
	$8477 41	$8086 95	$794 57	$1185 03	59

Apportionment of Assessments of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania for the year 1881-2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Beneficiary Education	Church Extension	Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Number of Members	Rate per Member	Totals.
Allentown	$96 25	$115 50	$96 25	$69 30	$30 80	$23 10	539	$0 80	$431 20
Annville	51 56	61 87	51 57	37 12	16 50	12 38	420	55	231 00
Ashland, German	50 22	60 26	50 22	36 16	16 08	12 06	375	60	225 00
Ashland, English	30 00	36 00	30 00	21 60	9 60	7 20	224	60	134 40
Ardmore	32 81	39 37	32 81	23 64	10 50	7 87	140	1 05	147 00
Bainbridge	34 90	41 86	34 90	25 12	11 16	8 37	203	.77	156 31
Barren Hill	84 37	101 25	84 37	60 76	27 00	20 25	315	1 20	378 00
Berrysburg	61 84	74 25	61 84	44 53	19 80	14 84	326	85	277 10
Bethany and Mt. Eden, Millersville	11 12	13 35	11 12	8 00	3 55	2 66	83	60	49 50
Chalfont	9 75	11 70	9 75	7 02	3 12	2 34	84	52	43 68
Columbia	23 16	27 80	23 16	16 70	7 40	5 58	173	60	103 80
Chambers' Hill.									
Dauphin	1 60	1 92	1 60	1 15	53	40	20	36	7 20
Easton	65 71	78 85	65 71	47 31	21 02	15 80	230	1 28	294 40
Easton, College Hill.	12 05	14 46	12 05	8 70	3 85	2 89	135	40	54 00
Fisherville	18 75	22 50	18 75	13 50	6 00	4 50	112	75	84 00
Fogelsville	5 35	6 42	5 35	3 85	1 75	1 28	40	60	24 00
Germantown	120 53	144 64	120 53	86 78	38 57	28 95	240	2 25	540 00
Hamilton	14 40	17 27	14 40	10 38	4 60	3 45	215	30	64 50
Harrisburg, Zion's	235 85	283 01	235 85	169 81	75 48	56 60	587	1 80	1056 60
Harrisburg, 2 Ev. L.	76 78	92 14	76 78	55 30	24 58	18 42	430	80	344 00
Harrisburg, East	16 93	20 30	16 93	12 00	5 41	4 24	133	57	75 81
Hummelstown	44 01	52 82	44 01	31 70	14 10	10 56	232	85	197 20
Kintnersville	90 40	108 48	90 40	65 10	28 92	21 70	900	45	405 00
Lancaster, St. John's	52 74	63 28	52 74	37 97	16 87	12 65	225	1 05	236 25
Lancaster, German	28 46	34 15	28 46	20 50	9 10	6 83	425	30	127 50
Lebanon	102 69	123 25	102 69	73 94	32 86	24 65	324	1 42	460 08
Lionville	79 80	95 76	79 80	57 45	25 53	19 16	286	1 25	357 50
Lyons	33 48	40 18	33 48	24 10	10 75	8 01	125	1 20	150 00
Lykens	32 94	39 52	32 94	23 72	10 54	7 90	238	62	147 56
Mahanoy	13 50	16 20	13 50	9 73	4 32	3 25	110	55	60 50
Manheim	48 10	57 72	48 10	34 65	15 40	11 53	431	50	215 50
Martin's Creek	35 04	42 05	35 04	25 24	11 21	8 42	157	1 00	157 00
Middletown	34 04	40 85	34 04	24 50	10 90	8 17	122	1 25	152 50
Minersville	11 83	14 20	11 83	8 51	3 78	2 85	53	1 00	53 00
Phil'a. St. Matthew's	144 38	173 25	144 38	103 95	46 20	34 64	294	2 20	646 80
Philad'a, Messiah	39 00	46 81	39 00	28 08	12 50	9 36	233	75	174 75
Philad'a, Grace	25 46	30 56	25 46	18 34	8 15	6 13	163	70	114 10
Philad'a, Calvary	8 48	10 18	8 48	6 10	2 71	2 05	76	50	38 00
Phillipsburg	39 37	47 25	39 37	28 35	12 60	9 46	252	70	176 40
Phoenixville	11 92	14 30	11 92	8 58	3 81	2 87	89	60	53 40
Pikeland	54 37	65 25	54 37	39 15	17 40	13 06	168	1 45	243 60
Pine Grove	55 25	66 30	55 25	39 77	17 67	13 26	450	55	247 50
Pottsville	58 26	69 91	58 26	41 95	18 64	13 98	300	87	261 00
Port Carbon	6 02	7 25	6 02	4 34	1 93	1 44	60	45	27 00
Reading	66 13	79 35	66 13	47 61	21 16	15 81	237	1 25	296 25
Riegelsville	75 89	91 08	75 89	54 64	24 29	18 21	500	68	340 00
Schaefferstown	54 91	65 89	54 91	39 53	17 57	13 19	492	50	246 00
Schuylkill Haven	44 80	53 78	44 80	32 26	14 33	10 75	193	1 04	200 72
Steelton	7 50	9 00	7 50	5 40	2 40	1 80	70	48	33 60
Shoop's	29 30	35 14	29 29	21 08	9 37	7 02	160	82	131 20
Stewartsville	18 77	22 52	18 77	13 54	6 00	4 50	145	58	84 10
Stone Church	38 40	46 10	38 40	27 65	12 30	9 23	239	72	172 08
Union Deposit	55 35	66 45	55 35	39 85	17 72	13 28	310	80	248 00
Whitemarsh	37 33	44 80	37 33	26 88	11 94	9 00	246	68	167 28
Womelsdorf	28 90	34 67	28 90	20 83	9 25	6 95	185	70	129 50
Grand Totals	$2560 75	$3073 02	$2560 75	$1843 72	$819 52	$614 91	13514	.849	$11472 67

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. BILLHEIMER,
P. RABY,
S. E. ANCONA.

Adopted.

The expenses of the Committee, amounting to $4.50, were ordered to be paid.

Rev. A. H Studebaker offered the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby recognize the eminently able and difficult services of Rev. T. C. Billheimer in the work of Apportionment.

2. *Resolved*, That an order for the amount of $10 be drawn in his favor.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 15.—Letter of Rev. J. Forthman.

The paper placed in the hands of your Committee is a letter from Rev. John Forthman, of Carlisle. He repeats the oft-presented story of his sad affliction, which has for years disqualified him for labor and left him in a destitute condition. We again heartily record our sincere sympathy with this brother, and commend him to the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund for aid.

Respectfully submitted, M. SHEELEIGH,
G. C. HENRY.

Letters of Dismissal.

It was ordered that the President send letters to the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod, dismissing Rev. Messrs. J. Forthman and G. P. Weaver to that Synod, within whose bounds they reside.

Report of Committee No. 16.—Auditing Committee of Secretary's and Treasurer's Accounts.

Your Committee have diligently examined the books of accounts and vouchers of said officers, and find the same to be in strict accord, and that there is an aggregate balance due to Synod of $400.91.

By reason of the irregular and in many instances singularly incorrect reports made by some of the pastors, of moneys paid to the Secretary during the past year, it has been impossible to make a satisfactory comparison of these reports with the Secretary's book.

Your Committee would recommend that the Secretary hold the order-book and credit the Treasurer with every order drawn on him, that thus the accounts may be the more easily compared.

They also recommend that the Secretary, in his book of receipts, add the name of the charge to the name of the pastor sending the money.

Respectfully submitted, S. P. AUCHMUTY,
JACOB L. NISELY,
CHAS. L. MAXWELL.

Adopted item by item.

Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee beg leave to report: We know of but little *special* news concerning the Sunday-school interest to present at this time. So far as we have opportunity of learning, there appears to be a steady continuance of the good work in the schools of our churches. We believe that all our pastors,

without any exception, hold this modern system of supplementing the parental and pastoral training of the young in the knowledge and fear of God as one of the most effective means of insuring a godly generation to grow up around us, and to follow us.

The steadily advancing demand for library books, and for the several periodicals prepared for our teachers and scholars, indicates a growing appreciation of the rich provision which our Church is now making in the departments of Biblical and religious instruction.

A suggestion now and then expressed by your approbation and authority, and brought before our people through the printed minutes, we regard as coming within the sphere of your purpose in providing for this Committee. Accordingly, we express the hope that a larger number of older and intelligent church members, and especially those who bear office in the Church, will make more frequent visits to their Sunday-schools. Such visits have many happy tendencies. The officers and teachers of the schools will thus be encouraged. The schools will feel themselves bound, by additional healthy restraints, to order and attention. Besides, the officers of the church may thus sometimes be led to see wherein they may aid in advising in regard to the general interests of the schools.

We believe that generally the position of pastors is readily and cheerfully regarded in our schools. Pastors are recognized as standing in close relation to the respective schools of congregations. The pastor being entrusted with the spiritual interests of his congregation, the schools belonging to it are included in his oversight. No judicious pastor will disarrange any of a school's well-ordered appointments, but he will always be regarded as having, by virtue of his pastorship, a prominent position.

The singing in our schools is, we believe, conducted with growing carefulness. Yet there is, doubtless, room for much improvement in some schools. At least a portion of the *music* used in the Sunday-school should be such as is adapted to the service of the Church, and all of it should be separate from unsanctified or trivial associations. Nor should the *words* that are employed as hymns fail of such character as will make them instructive and devotional.

A reference may with propriety be here made to the fact that the Sunday-school has practically, however undesignedly, become the occasion of very largely exonerating the children from attendance upon the service of the church. We do not desire in this paper to multiply words upon this point, but will simply most earnestly call attention to what is in many places a growing evil. We even see the children flowing away in large streams from God's house at the very hour when the great congregation is assembling for public worship. This evil must, if continued, yield a harvest greatly to be deplored.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
R. W. HUFFORD,
S. A. HOLMAN.

Adopted.

Report on the State of Religion.

The report on the State of Religion may be introduced on this occasion by some reference to the numerical growth of the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

In this city of Lancaster, on the second of May, 1842, nearly forty years ago, nine ministers and two laymen organized this Synod. At the first stated Convention, which met in the ensuing fall, in the Pikeland charge, Chester county, 12 ministers and 1513 commmunicant members were enrolled, whilst the contributions reported amounted to $554.80. After the lapse of twenty-five years, *i. e.*, in the year 1867, the Synod had increased to 70 ministers, and 13,034 communicant members; whilst its contributions for all purposes, in that year, were $114,579.78. In that year the Susquehanna Conference was permitted to withdraw and constitute itself a separate district Synod, taking from this Synod 16 ministers and 3206 communicant members. Although thus deprived of nearly one-fourth of its strength and of its territory, our Synod during the last fourteen years has more than regained, in numbers, what was then lost. The Minutes of last year record 74 ministers on the roll, beside six vacant charges, and a communicant membership within its limits of 15,151, whilst the contributions for all purposes last year amounted to $168,395.20.

If we add to these results the growth to which the Susquehanna Synod has attained, we find that the feeble beginning of the work of the Synod of East Pennsylvania has developed to such an extent that one year ago the combined statistics of our own Synod and of her daughter were 109 ministers, and 21,963 communicant members, and that the amount of money raised for all purposes, during that year alone, was $202,839.69. These figures represent an influence in the development of the Church, which, steadily increasing from the beginning, has now attained proportions eminently worthy of our recognition, and of gratitude to God, as we once more assemble in annual Convention, in the city where this ecclesiastical body had its birth.

Another subject, in regard to which the Synod may be congratulated, is the adoption of the apportionment plan for raising its quota of money for the benevolent operations of the Church. Time and experience will, no doubt, correct some imperfection and inequality which yet seem to exist in the *per capita* rate, but its success in advancing the amount of our contributions each year, and the satisfaction of having some definite, just and attainable amount to secure, justify its continuance.

It is worthy of notice also that the Conferences of Synod have, for a few years past, become more efficient, and that greater interest has been awakened in their stated meetings. This desirable result may be attributed, in some measure, to the recent increase in the number of conferences, to the distribution of programmes previous to the meetings, and to the careful and conscientious preparation now usually made by those appointed to the duties assigned them.

Gratifying progress is likewise observed in the Sunday-schools. The systematic and uniform study of Scripture, with a *Lesson Leaf* for the scholar, and the *Augsburg Teacher* for the instructor, is a great advance on former methods; a

more general interest in the lesson is thus awakened, and better aid to both teacher and scholar in the study of the Word, is thus rendered. The uniform lesson, with appliances for its study, as furnished by our Publication Board, may now be regarded as a permanent method of instruction in our Sunday-school.

The tenor of the reports read to Synod indicate the same general features of experience which characterized past years, and which will be repeated in the future. Good and evil, gain and loss, joy and sorrow, have come to all. Thus it will be to the end of time. It is the divine prophecy that the tares will grow with the wheat until the harvest. Whilst the Church must face her inevitable trials and toils, let her not forget the promises of divine grace, and the assurance which the record of every year confirms, that she is marching steadily onward to the conquest of the world.

S. A. HOLMAN,
S. DASHER,
WM. J. MILLER.

Approved.

Adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. D. T. Koser.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 9 A. M.

The preceding half hour having been spent in devotional exercises led by the President, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Stall.

Minutes were read and approved

Roll call was dispensed with.

Miscellaneous.

Rev. S. Stall called up his resolutions in reference to

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

He offered as a substitute the following:

Resolved, That we now determine whether we accept an invitation from some congregation of the Synod, or whether we will go outside of the bounds of the Synod.

Adopted.

Dr. Albert moved that we accept an invitation from some congregation within the bounds of the Synod.

Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to cast his ballot in favor of the invitation of the Pottsville congregation.

Place: Pottsville.

Time: Third Wednesday of September, 1882.

Minutes.

The Secretary was authorized to have 2,500 copies of the Minutes printed.

It was ordered that the pages embodying the Garfield Memorial Services be printed with a black border.

The Secretary was authorized to have the Synod's file of Minutes bound.

Report of Committee on the Application of St. John's Church, Columbia.

The special committee appointed to investigate the difficulties connected with the church at Columbia, and also to take into consideration the application of St. John's Church for admission into this body, would respectfully report, that they have been exceedingly perplexed as to the conclusions to be reached in this entire business. The whole subject has become so involved by order and disorder, by regularity and irregularity, by personal and public feeling, by Christian and unchristian conduct, by worthy and unworthy motives, that to get at the exact truth is peculiarly embarrassing. Your committee feel, that whatever action is suggested will be unsatisfactory both to the old and new organization. By the reception of the new organization, their conduct will appear to be approved by the Synod; and by their rejection, the conduct of the old congregation towards its pastor commended. In either case, feelings will be wounded, and hearts discouraged. If, in the judgment of your committee, there was a clear violation of principle in effecting the new organization, your committee would not hesitate a moment as to the resolution to be offered. As this, however, is involved in reasonable doubt, it embarrasses the committee as to the character of the resolution to be presented. After a careful sifting of all the evidence, as far as it has come within the knowledge of your committee, and with an earnest desire to do right to all concerned, your committee would offer the following:

WHEREAS, division and strife have existed in the congregation at Columbia since our last synodical convention; and

Whereas, in spite of the most strenuous efforts upon the part of our worthy President to preserve the congregation intact, a new organization has been effected; and

Whereas, the best interests of the church and the cause of Christianity demand that the breach be not further widened; therefore

Resolved, That while we cannot but regret, in view of all the circumstances, the establishment of a new church organization at Columbia, and cannot but condemn many things in connection with this movement; and while we cannot

but believe that one organization is sufficient for our present needs in the above-mentioned place, yet, in the hope that harmony may be gradually restored, and passion die out, that the application of St. John's Church for admission into this body be granted.

L. E. ALBERT,
L. M. HEILMAN,
THEO. B. KLEIN.

The yeas and nays were called on the resolution :

YEAS—Revs. F. A. Barnitz, C. Riemensnyder, L. E Albert, D. D , J. H. Menges, P. Raby, E. S. Henry, M. Sheeleigh, J. V. Eckert, S. Dasher, M. Fernsler, J. Peter, T. C. Billheimer, J. H. Weber, L. M. Heilman, J. W. Finkbiner, J. H. Leeser, G. C. Henry, M. H. Stine, E. Meister, F. T. Hoover, A. H. Studebaker, and G. W. Fraser, Messrs. Levi Felty and J. H. Keisel—24.

NAYS—Revs. Dr. C. A. Hay, Dr. W. M. Baum, J. M. Deitzler, W. S. Porr, Dr. J. Swartz, E. Huber, O. F. Waage, H. S. Cook, W. H. Dunbar, D. T. Koser, R. W. Hufford, S. Stall, B B. Collins, C. E. Hay, J. A. Singmaster, J. A. Wirt, P. C. Croll, W. M. Baum, Jr., W. H. Lewars, H. B. Wile O. H. Melcher, W. S. Delp and E. G. Hay, Messrs. Theo. B. Klein, Chas. Sherrer, Dan'l Miller, L. P. Auchmuty and Benj. F. Auld – 28.

Revs. S. Yingling and W. P. Evans, and Mr. F. A. Bennett, were excused from voting. The rest of the members were absent.

The resolution was lost.

Final action was pending at adjournment. Adjourned at 12 m.

Prayer by Rev. F. T. Hoover.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Peter.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Report on the Columbia case, pending at adjournment, was taken up. It was ordered that the report be spread upon the minutes and the committee discharged.

The vote on the resolution was reconsidered, and the original question re-opened.

Mr. Schreiner, a member of St. John's, was given the privilege of the floor.

The following action was finally taken:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed—the pastors of Columbia churches each naming one, and the two thus selected choosing the third—to visit Columbia within thirty days, as a committee of inquiry, and that this committee's decision, if unanimous in regard either to the reception or rejection of St. John's church, be regarded as final.

The Committee: Revs. A. H. Studebaker, H. S. Cook, and Dr. L. E. Albert.

Election of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Tellers: Revs. E. S. Henry and E. G. Hay.

The following persons were elected to serve five years: Revs. F. W. Conrad, D. D., M. Sheeleigh and E. S. Henry, and Mr. Jas S. Young.

Committee No. 10.—Excuses.

The following brethren were excused for absence from the entire meeting of Synod: Revs. N. M. Price, G. J. Martz, N. H. Cornell, J. T. Kendall and W. G. Mennig.

Others were excused from attending some of the sessions of Synod.

The report was approved.

Committee No. 19.—Catalogue of Hagerstown Seminary.

There was submitted to your Committee a catalogue of the Hagerstown Female Seminary. An examination of this annual, so neatly and tastefully executed, leads us to conclude that this institution, under the popular superintendency of Prof. Keedy, is in a very flourishing condition, and well worthy of the patronage of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. COOK,
E. G. HAY,
C. SHERRER.

Approved.

Rules of Order.

The following, proposed by Rev. E. Huber, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the Rules of Order, and report to Synod for its consideration, at its next convention, such alterations and additions as may be found advantageous in conducting Synodical business.

Committee: Revs. E. Huber and Dr. F. W. Conrad, and Mr. Wm. J. Miller.

The committee appointed to prepare memorials on the death of Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller and Dr. Jno. McCron, were requested to report during the evening session.

The President filled the vacancies on standing committees.

Two pages of the printed minutes were ordered to be devoted to the proceedings of the last Convention of the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society.

It was ordered that the President return the thanks of Synod, this evening, to the members of St. John's and St. Stephen's churches, for their Christian hospitality.

A collection was also ordered to be taken at the evening service, for the sexton.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. E. Meister.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 7:30 P. M.

Synod convened, and after the Ordination Sermon, by Dr. L. E. Albert (Exodus iii. 10), Messrs. H. M. Oberholtzer and E. H. Delk, Jr., were licensed to preach the Gospel, and Rev. W. S. Delp was ordained.

Report of the Memorial Committee.

The Committee offered the following memorials:

REV. DAVID P. ROSENMILLER was born at York, Pa., June 22, 1809, and died at Allentown, Pa., September 26, 1880, being aged 71 years, 3 months, and 4 days. At the age of sixteen he began to prepare for the Gospel ministry at Frederick, Md., and finished his preparatiou at Gettysburg, Pa. At the age of twenty he was licensed to preach, by the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, in which State he labored about two years, as pastor of congregations in and around Lexington. His next charge was at Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he remained eight years. From Newville he went to Dayton, O., where he organized the first English Lutheran congregation in that city. His pastorate in Dayton extended over nine years, and at its close the church was one of the strongest English Lutheran congregations in the West. While pastor in Dayton, he also organized a number of congregations in the country roundabout. These congregations have grown, and now form important parts of self-sustaining charges.

His next charge was at Hanover, Pa., where he remained seven years. From Hanover he removed with his family to Lancaster, Pa., in 1856, where he resided up to the time of his death. While living in Lancaster, he at different times served Lutheran congregations at Millersville, Rohrerstown, Petersburg,

Manheim, Kissel Hill, Pa., and at Bridgeton, N. J. His last charge was at Dauphin, Pa., of which he presented a favorable and encouraging report a few days before his death.

Father Rosenmiller was an earnest and faithful Christian minister, a zealous and accomplished scholar, a loyal member of the Synod, and a good man. Stricken down while attending the meeting of Synod at Allentown, one year ago, after lingering a few days he passed quietly to his rest. Said one who attended him during his illness, "Just so I would wish to die."

Rev. John McCron, D. D., was born in the city of Manchester, England, October 23d, 1807. His father and mother were respectively natives of England and Ireland. The son enjoyed the advantages of a good education in his native land, and after traveling into distant parts of the world, made America his home, in 1831, when in his twenty-fourth year. He spent some time in teaching at Mechanicsburg, Pa. The mind of our subject having become impressed with the duty of preparing for the Gospel ministry, he spent some time in the pursuit of theological study in our Seminary at Gettysburg, and was invested with ministerial powers in 1839, by authority of the Synod of West Pennsylvania. Being sent as a missionary to Pittsburgh, he organized, in the same year, the first Evangelical Lutheran congregation in that city, and the year following built a church. During the term of his labors in the ministry, covering a period of just forty-two years, he served congregations in several of our States—at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lancaster, O.; Pikeland, Pa.; Still Valley, N. J.; Norristown, Pa.; Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Middletown, Md.; Baltimore, Md., successively at Monument Street and Lexington Street churches. After laboring about eighteen years in Baltimore, he acted as principal of the Female Seminary at Hagerstown, for some three years; then again served as pastor, first at Bloomsburg, Pa., and then at Pottsville, Pa., and finally in Philadelphia, where he had charge of the Lutherbaum Mission, at Eighth and Berks streets. Having labored here about nine months, he died, April 26th, 1881, after a short illness, at the age of 73 years, 6 months, and 3 days.

Dr. McCron was possessed of a fine physique, commanding presence, and strong bodily constitution. He was a man of remarkably varied information; was a generous and genial companion; and few men have the gift of conversing more readily and entertainingly. He possessed many of the elements of an orator, in manner, voice, utterance, and elegance of diction. His sermons were methodical, rich in illustration, and full of evangelical truth. He was more or less instrumental in bringing at least five or six men into the holy office. Great numbers of those who came to Christ and were conducted heavenward, under his ministry, will not permit their hearts to forget him. His body was committed to the earth in Fernwood Cemetery, about five miles south of Philadelphia; but this is a location so far away from the general course into which our ministers and people are drawn, that friends have already consulted in regard to securing a final resting-place somewhere amongst people to whom his friendship and ministry were precious.

Your Committee suggest the following as the expression of Synod:

Resolved, That while hereby recording our deep sorrow on the removal by

death of the lamented ministerial fathers Rosenmiller and McCron, we at the same time express our Christian submission to that God whose wisdom and goodness are infinite, believing that he doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the families of the departed in this sore bereavement, praying that God will comfort and sustain them by his grace; also that our Secretary be hereby instructed to communicate this action to the widows of the deceased.

Resolved, That in this dispensation we recognize a solemn appeal from the Lord to us, to be faithful in the great work given us to do, knowing that the time is short, and that the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. HUFFORD,
M. SHEELEIGH,
C. REIMENSNYDER.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The President returned the thanks of the Synod to the congregations of St. John's and St. Stephen's.

Rev. E. G. Hay received permission to make arrangements to hold the next meeting of Synod in the Academy of Music at Pottsville, provided it be deemed advisable after consultation with the officers of the Synod.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the President.

J A. SINGMASTER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 1881, 11:30 A. M.

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. M. Fernsler.

Report of Examining Committee.

Dr. Hay presented the following report:

The committee report that three young men presented themselves for examination, viz.: Messrs. E. H. Delk, Jr., H. M. Oberholtzer, and D. H. Shetler.

As the result of the examination, the committee recommend that Messrs. Delk and Oberholtzer be licensed, and that Mr. Shetler be recommended to pursue his studies during the coming year in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

CHAS. A. HAY,
W. M. BAUM,
L. E. ALBERT,
M. SHEELEIGH,
E. HUBER.

Each case was considered by itself.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Adjourned at 12 m. to meet at 4:30 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Finkbiner.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 4:45 P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. E. S. Henry.

Report of Committee No. 12.—Papers of Licentiate W. S. Delp.

The papers entrusted to your committee are those of Bro. W. S. Delp. They consist of sermons, sketches of sermons, and a brief journal of ministerial work.

The writing is plain, legible, and presents a neat appearance. * * * * We recommend Bro. Delp for ordination.

Respectfully submitted, E. HUBER,
C. RIEMENSNYDER,
S. YINGLING.

Report approved, and Rev. W. S. Delp admitted to ordination.

Report of Committee No. 11.—Papers of D. A. Shetler.

Report rendered unnecessary by previous action on the case.

Report of Committee No. 14.—Papers from Lutherbaum Congregation.

Referred to the Philadelphia Conference for investigation and action. (See Protocol.)

The report was approved.

The course of the President in the case of Rev. D. E. Rupley was endorsed by the Ministerium.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. S. Stall.

I certify that the forgoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Synod and the Ministerium of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, in convention assembled at Lancaster, Pa., September 21–27, 1881.

J. A. SINGMASTER,
Secretary of East Pennsylvania Synod.

SERMONS AND ADDRESSES.

WEDNESDAY.

7:30 p. m.—Opening sermon by the President of Synod, Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.

THURSDAY.

7:15 p. m.—Farewell Missionary Meeting; addresses by Rev. Dr. Baum, Rev. Geo. Scholl, of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. A. D. Rowe, of India.

FRIDAY.

7:30 p. m.—Education address, by Rev. Dr. Conrad.

7:30 p. m.—German sermon, by Rev. E. S. Henry, in St. Stephen's.

SATURDAY.

2 p. m.—German preparatory services; sermon by Rev. J. Peter in St. Stephen's.

7:30 p. m.—English preparatory services; sermon by Rev. W. H. Dunbar.

SUNDAY.

10:30 a m., St. John's Lutheran Church—Rev. H. S. Cook; *1:45 p. m.*, Sunday-school addresses by Messrs. Delk, Oberholtzer and Hocker, and Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr.; *3 p. m.*, Lord's Supper, Dr. W. M. Baum; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. Joel Swartz, D. D.

10:15 a. m., St. Stephen's German Lutheran Church—Rev. O. F. Waage; *1;45 p. m.*, Sunday-school addresses, by Revs. Leeser, G. C. Henry, E. S. Henry and M. H. Stine; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. J. M. Deitzler.

10:30 a. m., Trinity Lutheran Church—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.; *7:30 p. m.*, Rev. H. M. Bickel.

10:30 a. m, Christ's Lutheran Church—Rev. L. M. Heilman; *7:30 p. m.*, Rev J. H. Weber.

7:15 p. m., Presbyterian Church—Rev. R W. Hufford.

7:15 p. m. Presbyterian Chapel—Rev. C. E. Hay.

10:30 a. m, First Reformed Church—Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. J. W. Finkbiner.

10:30 a. m., Second Reformed Church—Rev. W. H. Dunbar; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. D. T. Koser.

10:30 a. m., St. Luke's Reformed Chapel—Rev. M. H. Stine; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. P. Raby.

10:30 a. m., Duke St. M. E. Church—Rev. J. A. Wirt; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. T. C. Billheimer.

10:30 a. m., St. Paul's M. E. Church—Rev. O. H. Melcher; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. M. Fernsler.

10:30 a. m., First Baptist Church—Rev. H. B. Wile; *7:15 p. m.* Rev. Geo. C. Henry.

10:30 a. m., Olivet Baptist Church—Rev. W. H. Lewars; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. M. L. Young.

10:30 a. m., Evangelical Church.—Rev. W. Kelly; *7. 5 p. m.*—Rev. S. Dasher.

7:15 p. m., Moravian Church.—Rev. J. H. Leeser.

10:30 a. m., Franklin and Marshall College Chapel.—Rev. Dr. J. Swartz; Preparatory Services on Saturday 2 p. m., Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

7:15 p. m., West M. E. Mission.—Rev. P. C. Croll.

10:30 a. m., Union Bethel.—Rev. W. S. Delp; *7:15 p. m*, Rev. P. S. Hooper.

3:00 p. m., Bethany Lutheran, Millersville.—Rev. J. A. Wirt.

10:30 a. m, Lutheran Church, Manheim.—Rev. J. M. Deitzler.

10:30 a. m., Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia.—Rev. B. B. Collins; *7:15 p. m.*, Rev. E. Huber.

10:30 a. m., St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia—Rev. F. W. Staley.

10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m., Lutheran Church, Bainbridge.—Rev. F. T. Hoover.

10:30 a. m., Lutheran Church, Petersburg.—Rev. J. H. Menges.

10:30 a. m., Millersville Normal School.—Rev. J. A. Singmaster.

STANDING COMMITTEES, ETC.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., Rev. M. Sheeleigh,
Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Rev. E. Huber,
Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., Mr. Jacob Reel,
Rev. A. H. Studebaker, Mr. Fred. C. Fink,
Rev. L. M. Heilman.

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Rev. E. Huber.

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Rev. S. Stall, Mr. Jacob Reel.

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" J. Finkbiner.....1885	Chas S. Mohr 1884
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" E. S. Henry.....1886	J. K. Funck.....1885
" M. Sheeleigh.....1886	Jas. S. Young 1886

SPEAKERS FOR 1882.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Education—Rev. T. C. Billheimer.	Rev. A H. Studebaker.
Missions.—Rev. J. W. Finkbiner.	Rev. F. T. Hoover.
Ordination.—Rev. J A. Singmaster.	Rev. Joel Swartz, D. D.

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Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., Mr. Daniel Eppley,
Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

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Rev S. A. Holman.

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Rev. E. S. Henry, Rev. P. S. Hooper.
Rev. J. H. Leeser.

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND STATISTICS.

Rev. S. Stall, Rev. C. E. Hay,
Hon. S. E. Ancona.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Wednesday Evening—Synodical Sermon.

2. Thursday a. m.—Opening of Synod with Singing, Reading of Scripture and Prayer. Calling the Roll. Presentation of Certificates by Lay Delegates. Presentation of Credentials by Commissioners from Vacant Charges. President's Report. Reception of New Members. Election of Officers. Rules of Order. Appointment of Committees. Miscellaneous.

3. Thursday p. m.—Announcement of Committees. Admission of Applicants for Licensure. Vacant for Committee Work.

4. Thursday Evening.—Sermon or Anniversary.

5. Friday a m.—Report of Treasurer. Beneficiary Education. Other Reports. Miscellaneous.

6. Friday p. m.—Vacant for Committee Work.

7. Friday Evening—Sermon. Beneficiary Education.

8. Saturday a. m.—Parochial Reports. Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies. Reports.

9. Saturday p. m.—Publication. Theological and Literary Institions. Systematic Beneficence.

10. Saturday Evening—Sermon. Preparatory Service.

11. Sunday a m.—Preaching.

12. Sunday p. m.—Lord's Supper.

13. Sunday Evening—Sermon. Sunday-school Service.

14. Monday a. m.—Home Missions. Vacant Congregations. Reports. Miscellaneous.

15. Monday p. m.—Foreign Missions. Orphans' Home. Reports. Miscellaneous.

16. Monday Evening—Sermon. Missions.

17. Tuesday a. m.—Sunday-schools. Reports. Miscellaneous.

18. Tuesday p. m.—Ministerium. Election of Directors of Theological Seminary. Appointment of Speakers. Miscellaneous.

19. Tuesday Evening—Ordination and Licensure.

SYNODICAL MEETINGS AND OFFICERS.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania was organized at Lancaster, Pa., May 2, 1842. Its founders were Rev. Messrs. F. Ruthrauff, J. Ruthrauff, W. M. Reynolds, D. D., G. Heilig, F. R. Anspach, D. D., J. Willox, T. Stork, D. D., J. T. Vogelbach, W. G. Laitzle, and Mr. J. L. Frederick and Gen. G. Hartman. The Synod was incorporated by an act of Legislature, approved February 11, 1847.

NO.	YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
1	1842	Pikeland	Rev. F. Ruthrauff	Rev. T. Stork, D. D.	Rev. F. R. Anspach, D. D.
2	1843	Philadelphia	Rev. J. P. Shindel	Rev. T. Stork, D. D.	Rev. F. R. Anspach, D. D.
3	1844	Reading	Rev. J. P. Shindel	Rev. J. L. Schock, D. D.	Rev. J. Ruthrauff.
4	1845	Lebanon	Rev. J. P. Shindel	Rev. J. L. Schock, D. D.	Rev. J. Ruthrauff.
5	1846	Milton	Rev. J. Ruthrauff	Rev. G. Diehl, D. D.	Rev. A. Wieting.
6	1847	Germantown	Rev. J. Ruthrauff	Rev. G. Diehl, D. D.	Rev. A. Wieting.
7	1848	Selinsgrove	Rev. J. Ruthrauff	Rev. G. Diehl, D. D	Rev. A. Wieting.
8	1849	Reading	Rev. T. Stork, D. D	Rev. J. McCron, D. D.	Rev. W. F. Eyster.
9	1850	Easton	Rev. T. Stork, D. D	Rev. J. McCron, D. D.	Rev. W. F. Eyster.
10	1851	Danville	Rev. T. Stork, D. D.	Rev. J. Winecoff	Rev. P. Willard.
11	1852	Pottsville	Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D.	Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder	Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.
12	1853	Philadelphia	Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D.	Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder	Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.
13	1854	Lewisburg	Rev. J. A. Brown, D. D.	Rev. B. Sadtler, D. D.	Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.
14	1855	Lebanon	Rev. G. Parson	Rev. B. Sadtler, D. D.	Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D.
15	1856	Hughesville	Rev. G. Parson	Rev. D. Steck, D. D.	Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D.
16	1857	Lancaster	Rev. G. Parson	Rev. D. Steck, D. D.	Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D.
17	1858	Bloomsburg	Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D.	Rev. J. C. Ehrehart	Rev. R. A. Fink, D. D.
18	1859	Harrisburg	Rev. D. Steck, D. D.	Rev. R. A. Fink, D. D.	Rev. E. S. Henry.
19	1860	Sunbury	Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.	Rev. S. Domer, D. D.	Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.
20	1861	Germantown	Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.	Rev. M. Sheeleigh	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
21	1862	Reading	Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.	Rev. T. T. Titus	Rev. M. Valentine, D. D.
22	1863	Milton	Rev. R. A. Fink, D. D.	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D	Rev. J. C. Ehrehart.
23	1864	Lebanon	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.	Rev. J. R. Dimm	Rev. S. Sentman.
24	1865	Easton	Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D.	Rev. E. W. Hutter, D. D.	Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D.
25	1866	Danville	Rev. S. Sentman	Rev. J. H. Heck	Rev. G. Parson.
26	1867	Pottsville	Rev. M. Valentine, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Shindel	Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D.
27	1868	Lancaster	Rev. C. F. Stelling, D. D.	Rev. H. C. Shindel	Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D.
28	1869	Lebanon	Rev. P. Rizer	Rev. S. A. Holman	Rev. P. Raby.
29	1870	Harrisburg	Rev. J. R. Dimm	Rev. S. A. Holman	Rev. P. Raby.
30	1871	Philadelphia	Rev. M. Sheeleigh	Rev. S. A. Holman	Rev. P. Raby.
31	1872	Easton	Rev. S. A. Holman	Rev. S. Henry	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
32	1873	Germantown	Rev. B. C. Suesserott	Rev. S. Henry	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
33	1874	Pottsville	Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.	Rev. S. Henry	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
34	1875	Reading	Rev. E. S. Henry	Rev. J. F. Reinmund, D. D.	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.
35	1876	Columbia	Rev. S. Henry	Rev. J. F. Reinmund, D. D.	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.
36	1877	Lebanon	Rev. Joel Swartz, D. D.	Rev. W. H. Dunbar	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.
37	1878	Philadelphia	Rev. Joel Swartz, D. D.	Rev. W. H. Dunbar	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
38	1879	Harrisburg	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.	Rev. W. H. Dunbar	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
39	1880	Allentown	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.	Rev. J. A. Singmaster	Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.
40	1881	Lancaster	Rev. W. M. Baum, D. D.	Rev. J. A. Singmaster	Rev. E. Huber.

ALPHABETICAL VIEW OF PASTORATES.

Number.	Pastorates.	County.	Congregations.	Churches.	Present Pastor.
1	Allentown	Lehigh	1	St. Paul's	C. E. Hay.
2	Annville	Lebanon	4	1st Ev. Lutheran, Zion's, St. John, Hill Church	J. M. Deitzler.
3	Ardmore	Montgomery	1	St. Paul's	W. H. Steck.
4	Ashland	Schuylkill	2	English Evangelical Lutheran, Gordon	J. H. Weber.
5	Ashland (German)	Schuylkill	1	Zion's	J. J. Weber.
6	Bainbridge	Lancaster	2	Bainbridge and Maytown	M. H. Stine.
7	Barren Hill	Montgomery	1	St. Peter's	T. C. Pritchard.
8	Berrysburg	Dauphin	3	St. Paul's, Salem, Union Salem	Geo. C. Henry.
9	Chalfont	Bucks	1	St. James	B. B. Collins.
10	Columbia	Lancaster	1	English Evangelical Lutheran	W. P. Evans.
11	Dauphin	Dauphin	1	Union	Vacant.
12	Easton	Northampton	1	St. Paul's	R. W. Hufford.
13	Easton (College Hill)	Northampton	1	St. Peter's	H. B. Wile.
14	Fisherville	Dauphin	5	Messiah, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. James', Star of Bethle'm	A. B. Erhard.
15	Fogelsville	Lehigh	1	St. John's	W. G. Mennig.
16	Germantown	Philadelphia	1	Trinity	L. E. Albert, D.D.
17	Goschenhoppen	Montgomery	4	St. Paul's, Christ, St. John's, Christ	O. F. Waage.
18	Hamilton	Monroe	4	Hamilton, etc	G. Roths.
19	Harrisburg	Dauphin	1	Zion's	A. H. Studebaker.
20	Harrisburg	Dauphin	1	Foster Street	L. M. Heilman.
21	East Harrisburg	Dauphin	1	Jubilee Chapel	S. Dasher.
22	Hummelstown	Dauphin	1	Zion's	J. H. Leeser.
23	Kintnersville	Bucks	4	Durham, Nockamixon, Springfield, Springtown	O. H. Melcher.
24	Lancaster	Lancaster	1	St. John's	S. Stall.
25	Lancaster	Lancaster	1	St. Stephen's	E. Meister.
26	Lebanon	Lebanon	1	Zion's	W. H. Dunbar.
27	Lionville	Chester	2	St. Paul's, St. Matthew's	H. S. Cook.

28	Lyons	Berks	4	St. Matthew's, St. Paul's, etc.	W. H. Lewars.
29	Lykens	Dauphin	2	Zion's, Emmanuel	J. A. Wirt.
30	Mahanoy City	Schuylkill	1	St. John's	Vacant.
31	Manheim	Lancaster	4	Zion's, etc	J. Peter.
32	Martin's Creek	Northampton	2	Trinity, Zion's	F. W. Staley.
33	Middletown	Dauphin	1	St. Peter's	J. W. Finkbiner.
34	Millersville	Lancaster	1	Bethany	J. V. Eckert.
35	Minersville	Schuylkill	1	English Lutheran	I. P. Neff.
36	Mt. Eden	Lancaster	1	Evangelical Lutheran	J. V. Eckert.
37	Philadelphia (Broad Street)	Philadelphia	1	St. Matthew's	W. M. Baum, D.D.
38	Philadelphia (16th & Jefferson)	Philadelphia	1	Messiah	Eli Huber.
39	Philadelphia (8th & Berks)	Philadelphia	1	Lutherbaum	Vacant.
40	Philadelphia W.(35 & S.G'd'n)	Philadelphia	1	Grace	J. H. Menges.
41	Philadelphia, W.(43d & Aspen)	Philadelphia	1	Calvary	S. A. Holman.
42	Phillipsburg	Warren, N. J.	1	St. James	F. T. Hoover.
43	Phœnixville	Chester	1	Central Lutheran	W. M. Baum, Jr.
44	Pikeland	Chester	2	St. Peter's, Kimberton	J. R. Dimm.
45	Pine Grove	Schuylkill	4	St John's, Jacob's, St. Peter's, Salem.	E. S. Henry.
46	Port Carbon	Schuylkill	1	Lutheran	Supplied.
47	Pottsville	Schuylkill	1	English Lutheran	E. G. Hay.
48	Reading	Berks	1	St. Matthew's	T. C. Billheimer.
49	Riegelsville	Bucks	2	St. Peter's, Tinicum	D. T. Koser.
50	Schaefferstown	Lebanon	3	Schaefferstown, Richland, Brickerville	M. Fernsler.
51	Schuylkill Haven	Schuylkill	1	St. Matthew's	J. A. Singmaster.
52	Shoop's	Dauphin	3	Shoop's, Baldwin, Churchville	S. Yingling.
53	Steelton	Dauphin	1	St. John's	W. S. Porr.
54	Stewartsville	Warren, N. J.	1	Evangelical Lutheran	W. Kelly.
55	Stone Church	Northampton	1	St. Paul's	P. S. Hooper.
56	Tremont	Schuylkill	1	St. John's	I. P. Neff.
57	Union Deposit	Dauphin	4	Union, Mt. Zion, Immanuel, Sand Hill	Vacant.
58	Whitemarsh	Montgomery	2	Whitemarsh, Upper Dublin	M. Sheeleigh.
59	Womelsdorf	Berks	5	Womelsdorf, Mohrsville, Strausst'n, Meyerst'n, Goshert's.	P. C. Croll.

NOTE.—Pastors are requested to report desired changes and additions to the Secretary.

COMPARISON OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS, CHURCHES, ETC.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
Ministers on the Roll	63	66	78	76	74	72
Pastors in bounds of Sy'd	48	48	55	53	53	53
Churches	96	95	98	99	105	105
Stations	18	20	18	17	17	12
Prayer-meetings	111	105	108	102	113	106
Catechumens	1,495	1,138	1,723	1,397	1,541	1,234
Infant Baptisms	1,085	1,066	1,131	1,080	1,201	1,174
Candidates for Ministry	20	17	23	19	18	14
ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.						
By Adult Baptism	245	157	246	202	196	134
By Confirmation	1,027	629	900	685	827	615
By Cer. from Luth. Ch'ch	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	198
By Cer. from other Den'm	129	89	80	84	102	68
By Restoration	95	39	27	57	46	10
Without Letter	.....	.....	242	155	137	151
Total Additions	1,496	914	1,395	1,183	1,466	1,176
REMOVALS.						
By Death	256	295	238	288	322	295
By Letter	192	216	183	131	143	141
By Excommunication	8	13	16	11	4	1
Irregular	.....	.....	271	99	245	198
Total Removals	456	524	708	529	714	635
Deaths of Children	284	304	324	308	305	314
MEMBERSHIP.						
No. of Communicants	12,808	13,081	13,719	13,804	13,997	13,468
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.						
Lutheran	60	62	67	65	74	66
Union	41	45	45	42	48	42
Teachers	1,692	1,726	1,799	1,652	1,919	1,862
Scholars	12,986	13,025	14,444	14,070	15,096	15,138
Contributions by S. S.	$7,535 75	$8,749 17	$8,106 92	$8,236 60	$8,676 47	$9,400 68
CONTRIBUTIONS.						
Synodical Treasury	$302 30	$324 66	$275 80	$285 00	$273 75	$280 05
Home Missions	1,688 98	1,675 42	1,923 38	2,079 70	2,609 71	2,531 88
Foreign Missions	4,331 22	2,925 81	1,994 72	1,425 19	1,929 21	2,288 02
Beneficiary Education	1,386 45	1,228 11	1,701 28	1,708 28	1,620 15	1,776 12
Pastors' Fund	74 44	85 91	67 50	89 00	80 20	160 46
Orphans' Home	455 00	499 92	527 81	613 93	567 15	560 59
Publication Society	186 20	161 56	53 67	71 98	17 00	
Church Extension	947 11	1,589 18	1,359 91	665 76	1,392 35	1,096 12
Local Objects	110,722 49	58,765 97	62,262 67	63,876 87	56,333 54	60,694 75
External Objects	3,920 41	3,628 31	5,733 37	6,606 40	2,752 95	2,289 69
General Synod	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231 38
Woman's Miss'ary Soc'y	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	524 46
Totals	$124,014 60	$70,884 85	$75,900 11	$77,422 11	$67,576 01	$72,433 52
Pastors' Salary	.....	.....	44,440 49	41,199 50	42,952 00	45,838 66
Total for all Objects	.....	.....	122,058 92	124,717 46	106,835 90	122,273 58

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Pastorates.	Churches	Stations	Infant Baptisms	Additions: Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificates from Lutheran Church	Other Denominations	Without Letter	Losses: Restorations	Death	Letter	Irregular	Excommunication	Number of Communicants	Deaths of Youths and Children of the Church	Sabbath-Schools: Lutheran	Union	Teachers	Scholars	Contributions	Catechumens during the Year	Prayer-meetings	Candidates for the Ministry	Benevolent Contributions: Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Church Extension	General Synod	Woman's Missionary Society	Local Objects	External Objects	Pastors' Salary	Total for all Objects	Names of Pastors.
1 Allentown	1	..	47	1	27	7	3	9	7	8	6	36	..	539	14	1	..	74	728	$615 63	48	7	..	$5 00	$116 10	$121 10	$85 60	.....	$21 40	$42 80	.....	$61 00	$1314 21	$18 50	$1000 00	$2888 50	Chas. E. Hay.
2 Annville	4	..	32	7	15	5	..	2	..	15	..	15	..	420	6	4	2	70	330	500 00	40	6	1	7 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	$5 00	5 00	50 00	.....	.....	2500 00	200 00	*700 00	4016 00	J. M. Dentzler.
3 Ardmore	1	1	9	4	...	1	4	3	..	2	..	6	..	140	1	1	..	11	112	110 77	....	1	..	7 05	28 80	28 80	28 80	.....	7 20	14 40	.....	.....	862 65	.....	*800 00	1777 70	W. H. Steck.
4 Ashland (English)	2	..	30	1	34	2	2	..	..	1	1	5	..	224	4	1	1	31	356	160 13	49	4	..	4 00	20 60	20 60	20 60	.....	5 15	10 30	$1 30	5 00	498 45	.....	*900 00	1646 11	J. H. Weber.
5 Ashland (German)	1	1	74	..	24	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	385	10	1	..	30	200	50 82	40	1	..	5 00	30 00	30 00	14 00	2 66	13 00	.....	.....	.....	400 00	.....	600 00	1100 00	J. J. Weber.
6 Bainbridge	2	..	4	15	35	..	2	3	..	7	1	5	..	203	2	2	..	21	155	107 00	60	2	..	4 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	2 30	12 00	10 00	.....	9 00	271 00	16 00	*600 00	969 30	M. H. Stine.
7 Barren Hill	1	..	15	1	6	..	..	..	..	15	9	10	..	315	7	1	..	21	173	253 93	12	1	..	10 00	80 00	77 13	60 00	5 00	23 00	30 00	7 00	.....	600 00	.....	*1400 00	2092 13	T. C. Pritchard.
8 Berrysburg	3	..	27	..	3	5	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	326	6	2	1	39	388	140 46	15	3	1	7 00	45 00	55 00	40 00	3 00	10 00	40 00	7 00	16 00	1354 68	5 25	800 00	2300 39	G. C. Henry.
9 Chalfont	1	..	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	83	1	1	..	12	100	40 96	....	1	..	.....	6 64	6 64	6 64	.....	1 66	3 32	.....	.....	323 27	.....	600 00	918 17	B. B. Collins.
10 Columbia	1	..	7	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173	1	1	..	35	198	103 43	....	1	1	5 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	.....	5 50	11 00	.....	.....	1171 34	.....	900 00	1516 22	W. P. Evans.
11 Dauphin	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	12	80	30 00	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	60 00	80 00	Vacant.
12 Easton (St. Paul's)	1	..	7	4	5	5	..	12	..	1	5	..	..	230	2	1	..	36	210	181 82	27	1	..	8 00	40 00	40 00	67 75	10 00	10 00	102 00	.....	.....	525 00	.....	*1500 00	2300 00	R. W. Hufford.
13 Easton (St. Peter's)	1	..	6	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	135	1	1	..	17	200	119 47	5	2	..	5 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1193 24	.....	720 00	2069 71	H. B. Wile.
14 Fisherville, *b*	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112	..	6	..	..	..	.....	....	3	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*450 00	(?) 500 00	A. B. Erhard.
15 Fogelsville	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	40	1	1	..	12	118	1 00	....	..	..	1 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	W. G. Mennig.
16 Germantown	1	..	7	4	6	..	..	10	..	2	4	..	..	240	1	..	..	20	230	300 00	14	1	..	8 00	134 00	134 00	134 00	60 00	34 00	67 00	40 00	.....	1800 00	200 00	*2200 00	4711 00	L. E. Albert, D. D.
17 Goschenhoppen	4	..	90	1	33	1	..	10	..	36	7	..	..	....	21	3	1	94	795	50 00	75	1	1	10 00	10 00	50 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	25 00	.....	.....	3000 00	100 00	1100 00	4331 00	O. F. Waage.
18 Hamilton	4	1	26	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	215	3	..	..	..	..	.....	4	1	..	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	200 00	.....	400 00	600 00	Geo. Roths.
19 Harrisburg (Zion's)	1	..	19	3	24	10	3	3	..	7	6	..	..	587	4	2	..	115	943	1130 28	135	4	..	10 00	701 00	265 00	87 35	.....	50 00	76 90	30 00	146 48	3521 93	244 00	*2000 00	7813 85	A. H. Studebaker (8 mos.)
20 Harrisburg (Forster Street)	1	..	35	7	17	12	3	8	..	7	8	20	..	430	11	1	..	61	651	242 24	58	3	..	5 00	68 00	68 00	68 00	.....	17 00	64 00	2 00	100 00	700 00	30 00	1200 00	2505 24	L. M. Heilman.
21 Harrisburg (Jubilee Chapel)	1	..	13	1	6	3	3	1	..	1	8	9	1	133	4	1	..	25	150	155 49	35	1	..	5 00	13 00	13 00	12 00	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	3 00	249 58	.....	550 00	850 58	S. Dasher.
22 Hummelstown	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	10	..	232	9	1	..	20	212	85 00	....	2	..	5 00	32 00	38 20	32 00	.....	8 00	16 00	.....	25 00	356 00	30 00	*675 00	1271 00	J. H. Leeser.
23 Kintnersville	4	..	52	3	64	3	..	..	..	24	2	..	..	900	19	..	8	124	630	.....	70	..	1	5 00	52 55	61 22	52 55	.....	13 06	26 12	.....	.....	900 00	.....	900 00	2010 55	O. H. Melcher.
24 Lancaster (St. John's)	1	..	12	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	9	..	..	225	1	2	..	40	230	175 00	....	1	1	5 00	30 00	71 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2275 00	13 27	1400 00	4000 00	S. Stall.
25 Lancaster (St. Stephen's)	1	..	40	..	12	..	..	38	..	7	..	..	..	327	18	1	..	28	200	152 00	....	1	1	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1970 83	.....	800 00	5770 83	E. Meister.
26 Lebanon	1	..	9	5	53	5	7	..	..	5	..	..	..	324	2	1	..	50	276	658 74	96	1	..	10 00	85 00	90 00	85.00	10 00	30 00	45 79	10 00	21 00	3329 83	75 00	*1200 00	5600 36	W. H. Dunbar
27 Lionville	2	..	6	1	1	5	2	1	..	1	3	..	..	286	5	2	..	18	120	100 00	.. .	2	1	5 00	102 27	121 52	77 13	5 00	15 10	89 64	10 00	.....	3729 00	378 90	*800 00	5333 56	H. S. Cook.
28 Lykens	2	..	55	..	15	..	..	2	..	4	10	7	..	238	20	2	..	41	340	.....	12	2	..	5 00	24 46	24 46	24 46	1 00	6 62	13 23	.....	.....	1500 00	7 00	*800 00	2400 00	J. A. Wirt.
29 Lyons	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	125	....	4	..	40	250	9 50	20	4	..	5 00	21 63	24 50	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	600 00	2154 13	W. H. Lewars (6 months).
30 Mahanoy City	1	2	17	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	15	..	110	2	1	..	27	280	215 25	....	2	..	.....	15 00	15 00	5 00	.....	5 00	2 56	.....	.....	365 00	10 00	*600 00	1057 81	Vacant.
31 Manheim	4	..	10	15	13	6	4	..	1	15	6	4	..	431	21	1	3	47	460	150 00	47	4	..	4 00	33 42	33 42	26 00	2 00	8 36	16 72	3 00	.....	700 00	50 00	*747 00	1520 92	J. Peter.
32 Martin's Creek	2	..	4	1	6	3	2	4	2	4	..	..	..	157	1	2	1	30	190	25 00	....	1	..	5 00	35 96	35 96	35 95	.....	2 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*800 00	940 41	F. W. Staley.
33 Middletown	1	..	6	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	7	10	..	122	8	1	..	27	340	268 18	19	1	..	10 00	42 56	42 56	43 92	.....	10 64	21 28	.....	.....	508 00	10 00	*800 00	1814 14	J. W. Finkbiner.
34 Millersville and Mt. Eden	2	..	3	2	3	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	83	1	1	..	12	100	40 00	....	1	..	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00	(?) 500 00	J. V. Eckert.
35 Minersville and Tremont	1	1	9	..	6	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	55	....	1	..	12	55	.....	6	1	..	.....	4 27	4 27	4 27	.....	1 07	2 14	.....	.....	297 00	.....	500 00	813 02	P. Neff.
36 Philadelphia (Broad Street)	1	..	6	1	11	10	1	..	..	3	4	10	..	294	2	1	..	28	285	936 67	20	2	4	10 00	133 34	133 34	200 00	.....	40 00	66 67	68 60	59 00	8147 46	500 00	*2000 00	11230 35	W. M. Baum, D. D.
37 Philadelphia (16th and Jefferson)	1	..	..	..	..	9	6	3	..	6	2	..	..	233	1	1	..	31	200	237 46	....	2	..	5 00	37 50	27 31	42 42	.....	.....	31 50	10 00	.....	2544 45	219 50	1800 00	4682 68	E. Huber.
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a. The Benevolent Funds were contributed by the Union congregation at Union Deposit. *b*. Estimated by the Secretary, in the absence of a report. * And parsonage.

External Objects.....	Pastors' Salary.....	Total for all Objects....	NAMES OF PASTORS.
$18 50	$1000 00	$2888 50	Chas. E. Hay.
200 00	*700 00	4016 00	J. M. Deitzler.
.....	*800 00	1777 70	W. H. Steck.
.....	*900 00	1646 11	J. H. Weber.
.....	600 00	1100 00	J. J. Weber.
16 00	*600 00	969 30	M. H. Stine.
.....	*1400 00	2292 13	T. C. Pritchard.
5 25	800 00	2500 39	G. C. Henry.
.....	600 00	918 17	B. B. Collins.
.....	900 00	1516 22	W. P. Evans.
20 00	60 00	80 00	Vacant.
.....	*1500 00	2300 00	R. W. Hufford.
.....	720 00	2069 71	H. B. Wile.
.....	*450 00	(?) 500 00	A. B. Erhard.
.....	.....	.....	W. G. Mennig.
200 00	*2200 00	4711 00	L. E. Albert, D. D.
100 00	1100 00	4331 00	O. F. Waage.
.....	400 00	600 00	Geo. Roths.
244 00	*2000 00	7813 85	A. H. Studebaker (8 mos.)
30 00	1200 00	2505 24	L. M. Heilman.
.....	550 00	850 58	S. Dasher.
30 00	*675 00	1271 00	J. H. Leeser.
.....	900 00	2010 50	O. H. Melcher.
13 27	1400 00	4000 00	S. Stall

RULES OF ORDER.

I. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made and seconded, and, if required by the President, committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion, at any time before the question is taken.

II. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered on the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Synod.

III. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

IV. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

V. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except—

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To close debate.
4. To postpone indefinitely.
5. To postpone to a time specified.
6. To refer to a standing committee, or the officers of Synod.
7. To refer to a special committee.
8. To amend.

Which motions shall take precedence of each other, in the order in which they are numbered.

VI. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

VII. The motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

VIII. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.

IX. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending before the Synod shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in rule fifth.

X. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided shall preclude all debate on the main question.

XI. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has a right to appeal from his decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Synod?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the

main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Synod.

XII. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first.

XIII. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on any question, when requested by five members of the Synod.

XIV. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from his seat and respectfully addressing himself to the President. He shall confine himself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall he be interrupted, except with his own consent and for the purpose of explanation.

XV. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Synod.

XVI. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Synod, provided the chair be filled by another member; and he shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when he may wish to vacate it.

XVII. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Synod.

XVIII. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Synod; and may be altered or amended at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF
EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The delegates and visitors to the Convention assembled in the Second Lutheran church, Harrisburg, on Thursday, September 15, 1881, at 9 a. m.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Dr. Alstead, an address of welcome was read by Mrs. Rev. L. M. Heilman, of Harrisburg, and responded to by Mrs. A. G. Hannum, of Schuylkill Haven.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Dr. Hutter, of Philadelphia, Miss E. C. Ruthrauff, Secretary, took the Chair, Mrs. E. Boyer, of Harrisburg, acting Secretary.

The roll was called, and a Committee on Credentials appointed who reported the following

Societies Represented.

Lebanon, Steelton, Chamber's Hill, Harrisburg (three societies), Millersburg, Hummelstown, Maytown, Schuylkill Haven, Millersville, and Union Deposit.

Election of Officers

Resulted in choosing, *President*, Miss E C. Ruthrauff; *Vice-President*, Mrs. A. J. Hannum; *Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. Heilman; *Treasurer*, Mrs. M. H. Stine.

Miss Dengler made an address, and Miss Boyer read a selection on the "Church's Hour and Opportunities."

By request, the pastor *loci* and Revs. Studebaker and Kistler made remarks.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Societies

Were made by ladies representing their several churches.

Maytown—Organized October, 1880; present members, 25; contributed $20.06; 15 journals.

Millersville—Twenty members; contributed $3.

Lebanon—Seventeen members; contributed $28; thirteen journals.

Schuylkill Haven—Twenty members; contributed $25.

Harrisburg, First Church—Organized April, 1878; 123 members; contributed $146.48; of this $100 to Freeport, Illinois—Young Ladies' Band.

Harrisburg, Second Church—Sixty-four members; contributed $100; sixty-three journals; paid also for two scholars in India training school; album quilt to India.

Harrisburg, Jubilee Chapel—Thirty members; contributed $3.50; helped also to raise apportionment.

Ashland—Forty members.

Gordon—Fifty members.

Mention was also made of the societies at Pottsville, Reading, Port Carbon, and Shoop's Charge. There are also societies at Annville, Kimberton, Allentown and Columbia—twenty-three in all.

A selection was read by Mrs. W. H. Dunbar, and brief addresses were made by Miss Dengler and Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

Committee on resolutions reported the following:

Resolved, That we express it as our sentiment that this Convention has been a most encouraging and profitable one.

Resolved, That we adopt the Constitution of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, with the amendments proposed by the Synod of East Pennsylvania at Allentown, Pa., September 15, 1880.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Synod of East Pennsylvania to seek the further prosecution of organizing auxiliary societies in congregations where they do not exist.

Resolved, That it is not a mark of failure when, after the first enthusiasm of the work, some members cease their attendance on the regular auxiliary meetings.

Resolved, That the cause of Home Missions be not under-estimated in the general work of missions.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the ladies of the Lutheran churches of Harrisburg, and to their friends, for their kind hospitality, and also to Miss Mollie Wagner for her services at the organ.

THE EVENING SESSION

Was occupied in a general meeting, when, in addition to the principal address by Rev. J. W. Goodlin, remarks were made by Miss E. E. Dengler, Revs. A. H. Studebaker, W. H. Dunbar, and others.

Next place of meeting to be determined by the officers.

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